

## ILLINOIS HISTORIC SITES ADVISORY COUNCIL

Illinois State Historic Preservation Office -- Department of Natural Resources  
WebEx Virtual Meeting

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June 24, 2022

Presiding: Meg Kindelin, Chair

Council Members Present:

Kayeleigh Sharp	Rebecca Graff
Kimberly Smith	Elizabeth Blasius
Christopher Fye	Lisa Napoles
Adam Smith	Pamela Lange
Michael Bortel	Kelly Purvis

Non-Voting Council Members Present: none

Staff Members Present:

Andrew Heckenkamp	Rita Baker
Amy Hathaway	Anna Margaret Barris
Jeff Kruchten	Carey Mayer

Guests:

Jenny Barry	Linda Ganster
Matthew Wicklund	Mike Ganster
Valerie Olafson	Michael Mims
Beth Baranski	Erica Ruggiero
Susan Benjamin	Howie Herman
Florence Sorensen	Brian Cook
Scarlett Andes	Anna Margaret Barris
Sofia Mattesini	Leila Wills
Shannon Winterhalter	Chris Gluvna
Jeffrey Bold	Louis Pitschmann
Andrew Elders	Jeanne Sylvester

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 10:02 A.M. Roll was taken. Michael Smith, Mann, Farrell, and Barker-Devine were absent.

READING OF THE MINUTES

Adam Smith and Kimberly Smith noted errors in the minutes. The minutes were approved, with changes. A motion made by Lange and seconded by Purvis . Motion carried.

## CHAIR REPORT

Chair Kindelin welcomed everyone to the council meeting and went over the procedures for the day.

## STAFF REPORT

Mayer gave the staff report of the SHPO. Mayer mentioned her promotion to the director of the Office of Reality and Capital Planning. Mayer also mentioned that the SHPO will be moving out of the Old State Capitol and into the Department of Natural Resources at the fairgrounds. Heckenkamp mentioned National Register staff's initiative to move the National Register paper files to the Illinois State Archives.

## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

### LISTINGS

#### **Libertyville Town Hall -- Libertyville**

Jenny Barry gave the presentation. There were no questions from the council. Staff opinion (Hathaway) was positive. Hathaway mentioned that Libertyville is a new CLG and that the historic preservation commission sent a letter of support. Motion to recommend was made by Purvis and seconded by Graff. Motion carried.

#### **James E. Plew Building - Chicago**

Matthew Wicklund gave the presentation. Wicklund first discussed the proposed amendments to the Motor Row Multiple Property Document and then presented the Plew nomination. Kimberly Smith asked why Criterion B was not pursued. Wicklund mentioned that the area of significance was considered but Criterion C was a better fit for the building. Staff opinion (Hathaway) was positive. Hathaway explained the shortcomings of the Motor Row MPD and how Wicklund was able to identify the Plew Building as a wholesale warehouse garage, a specific building type that was not represented in the MPD. The MPD amendments were made to include the new building type. Adam Smith had serious concerns about the property's integrity. Hathaway explained the staff's initial concerns about the integrity but determined that Plew could have sufficient integrity as a wholesale warehouse garage. Smith did not think that the nomination sufficiently addressed the integrity issues of the building. Hathaway mentioned that the property received a preliminary Part 1 approval and asked Smith if he would be satisfied if the integrity section was fleshed out. Smith explained what he would want the nomination to include. Blasius concurred with Smith. Hathaway provided more information regarding the decision not to pursue Criterion B. Motion to recommend with changes was made by Napoles and seconded by Sharp. Motion carried.

#### **Mt. Morris Downtown Historic District – Mt. Morris**

Valerie Olafson gave the presentation and mentioned that Howie Herman was present to answer any questions. Kindelin asked the council if there were any questions about the presentation. Adam Smith asked about the Evangelical Lutheran Church which is described as red brick covered by white siding and whether it was originally clapboard, as indicated on the Sanborn maps. Valerie confirmed that it was originally wood. Herman and other supporters of the Mt. Morris district were viewing the WebEx but unable to make a statement due to technical difficulties. Heckenkamp offered to have them submit their letter of support or comments and he could make it a part of the record. Kindelin asked if there were further comments from the council. Fye said that

he was very familiar with Mt. Morris and the buildings and thought it was a great presentation. Adam Smith brought up the Lutheran church's integrity. Discussion between Smith and Olafson ensued. Hathaway did mention there was leeway regarding contributing status in a district. Smith did not believe that the church had integrity. Heckenkamp offered to look at the church again. Kindelin asked whether there were more comments other items of discussion. Fye offered that the property was not perfect but liked that it had been adaptively reused. Heckenkamp said he, Hathaway, and the consultants would revisit the property's status.

Motion to recommend with conditions was made by Fye and seconded by Adam Smith. Staff opinion (Hathaway) was positive. Motion carried. (Michael Smith was now in attendance.)

### **Bishop's Busy Big Store/Lyric Opera House -- Elizabeth**

Beth Baranski gave the presentation. Linda Ganster, the owner, spoke on behalf of the property. Fye commented that he was familiar with the building and that he thought the presentation and the application were great.

Motion to recommend was made by Bortel and seconded by Graff. Staff opinion (Hathaway) was positive. Motion carried.

### **Chicago Vocational School—Chicago**

Michael Mims gave the presentation. Kindelin and Purvis complimented the nomination and presentation. Adam Smith asked why the property wasn't nominated under Criterion C. Hathaway explained the school is clearly eligible for architecture, but that area needed fleshing out in the draft. The applicants wished to be on the June agenda and the other areas of significance were sufficient, so the decision was made to proceed without Criterion C.

Staff opinion (Hathaway) was positive. Motion to recommend was made by Napoles and seconded by Graff. Motion carried.

### **Downtown Oswego Historic District – Oswego**

Erica Ruggiero gave the presentation. There were no questions for the presenter. Staff opinion (Heckenkamp) was positive. Heckenkamp mentioned that Oswego received a CLG grant to complete the nomination. Adam Smith questioned the period of significance and whether it should be changed to 1974. Heckenkamp explained that the POS could be extended but nominations can have contributing buildings that are a year or two outside of the POS. Smith wanted the historic pictures shown in the presentation to be added to the nomination and noted errors in the numbering on the table or map. Smith asked Ruggiero about the integrity of the grocery store and the American Legion and the contributing/non-contributing designation. Ruggiero explained that there was photographic evidence showing that the Legion's alterations were made during the POS while the grocery store was altered outside of the POS. Motion to recommend was made by Bortel and seconded by Lange. Motion carried.

**The Cornelia—Chicago**

Susan Benjamin gave the presentation. There were no questions. Florence Sorensen, a resident of The Cornelia spoke in favor of the nomination.

Staff opinion (Hathaway) was positive. Motion to recommend was made by Bortel and seconded by Fye. Motion carried.

**George M. Crego Farm – Sugar Grove vicinity**

Amy Hathaway gave the presentation and noted that an aerial photograph of the farm taken in 1972 had been discovered after the nominations were posted online. The nomination was updated subsequently to note additional changes that had occurred to the farm based on this photographic evidence. Fye commented that he appreciated seeing intact farms that were restored and maintained. Adam Smith noted that the box for Criterion C was not checked in the nomination. Smith did not believe that the landscape was discussed sufficiently to include the site as a contributing resource.

Staff opinion (Hathaway) was positive. Motion to recommend was made by Bortel and seconded by Purvis. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 P.M. NEXT MEETING: October 28th in Springfield.

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