

# Rockford Historic Preservation Commission

June 9, 2015 – 6:00PM – City Hall Conference Room B

**Present:** Dave Coady, Gary Carlson, Vickie Krueger, Ald. Thomas McNamara,

**Absent:** None

**Staff:** Andrew Pieri

**Other:** Matthew Wolf, Robert McCarthy, Jeffrey Kirk

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**Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Dave Coady**

## **Roll Call and Determination of Quorum**

No quorum.

## **Public Hearing**

None at this meeting

## **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes for the May 12, 2015 were presented for review. A **MOTION** was made by **Gary Carlson** to **APPROVE** the minutes. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vickie Krueger and **CARRIED** by a vote of **4-0**.

## **Unfinished Business**

*None*

## **New Business**

### ***Certificate of Appropriateness – 628 Grove Street***

Applicant wishes to install a fence on his property to reduce people cutting thru his yard. Commission had no questions for the applicant but requested that the fence posts be between the pickets instead of in front or behind them. In addition, the HPC requested that the applicant put decorative caps on top of the fence posts. A **MOTION** was made by Vickie Krueger to **APPROVE** the request as presented with the requested modifications. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by **Gary Carlson** and **CARRIED** by a vote of **4-0**.

### ***Certificate of Appropriateness – 1616 Oakes Ave.***

Applicant proposes to replace windows at 1616 Oakes Ave due to age and condition. Applicant will put in windows that match existing details. A **MOTION** was made by **Gary Carlson** to **APPROVE** the request as presented. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vickie Krueger and **CARRIED** by a vote of **4-0**.

***Request for Opinion – 301 East State***

A presentation was made by Oak Street Health to the HPC regarding the installation of (2) exterior signs. Staff informed the Commission that this property is in the East State Street National Historic District and the HPC can only make a recommendation as to the appearance of the sign for this address. HPC members expressed concern as to covering up architectural details and suggested signage in the windows or period specific signs on the building instead of what is proposed. Oak Street Staff stated that they valued the opinion of the Commission and would work to create a better design.

***Request for Opinion –National Register***

Expand East Rockford Historic District

Commission members reviewed the application and favored the approval of this project as presented in the National Register Application. Gary Carlson asked staff to send a letter of support to the State of Illinois for further processing.

A **MOTION** was made by Alderman McNamara to **APPROVE** the expansion of the East Rockford Historic District. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Gary Carlson and **CARRIED** by a vote of **4-0**.

**Communication and staff report**

Staff informed Commission members that all newly appointed members would be officially approved by the next HPC meeting. In addition, the commission needs to consider updating the design guideless.

**Adjournment**

With no other business Gary Carlson made a **MOTION** to **ADJOURN**. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vickie Krueger and **CARRIED** by a vote of **4-0**.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Submitted by Andrew Pieri – Historic Preservation Commission Secretary