

## Rockford Historic Preservation Commission

February 16, 2005

6:30 PM

Rockford City Hall, Conference Room B

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Laura Bachelder; Jeanne Ludeke; Ald. John Beck; Frank St. Angel  
**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Val Olafson (excused); Scott Sanders (excused)  
**STAFF:** Ginny Gregory  
**OTHERS:** Gary Anderson, architect

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### NEW BUSINESS

In the absence of Chairman Valerie Olafson, Vice Chairman Frank St. Angel called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

Ginny reported that Sally Faber had been confirmed by City Council as Vickie Krueger's replacement on the Commission. However, her daughter was in the hospital and she was unable to attend this meeting.

### MINUTES

Jeanne Ludeke made a **MOTION** to **APPROVE** the minutes for the meeting of January 12, 2005 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Laura Bachelder and **CARRIED** by a vote of 4-0.

### CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

#### ▶ 411 Kent Street (Tinker Swiss Cottage Museum)

Laura Bachelder explained the proposal to restore the balcony on the west side of the Cottage. The original one was removed some 50 years ago because of its deteriorated condition and never replaced. The proposal is for all elements of the new balcony – railings, newel posts and proportions – to match all other balconies on the Cottage. Drawings provided by Gary Anderson showed the details of the new balcony.

Ald. John Beck made a **MOTION** to **APPROVE** the application as submitted. The motion was seconded by Jeanne Ludeke and **CARRIED** by a vote of 3-0 with 1 abstention (Laura Bachelder).

#### ▶ 1105 North Court Street (Garrison School)

Ginny explained that as she was preparing the annual report, she had noticed that the Certificate of Appropriateness granted for this property last year had expired. After she notified Larry Morrissey (owner) and Gary Anderson (architect), Mr. Morrissey sent in a request to have the original COA renewed. Gary confirmed that they did not want to change anything – that a Certificate covering the same 18 items is what they were looking for.

Ald. John Beck made a **MOTION** to **APPROVE** renewal of the Certificate of Appropriateness granted for 1105 North Court Street on July 14, 2004. The motion was seconded by Laura Bachelder and **CARRIED** by a vote of 4-0.

#### **ANNUAL REPORT**

Ginny discussed the draft of the 2004 Annual Report briefly. This had been e-mailed to Commission members before the meeting. She reminded the members that this goes to IHPA and to City Council each year.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### ▶ **Barber-Colman Village**

Ginny stated that the City had issued a Request for Proposals for a qualified historic preservation consultant to prepare a historic resources survey of Barber-Colman and its surroundings as well as a National Register nomination. This was in response to IHPA's statement that they would not approve any further demolitions on the site until such a survey was done. Three proposals were submitted and it was hoped that the selected consultant could begin work in early March.

##### ▶ **River Oaks**

Ginny stated that the River Oaks project on South Main has come to a momentary standstill due to the fact that someone informed IHPA that there are Indian mounds on the site. Demolition of the structure was completed, as well as of the two garages, but IHPA has said that a Phase I archaeological survey must be completed of the entire site (excluding where the building sat) before the developers can proceed. The development team has contacted an archaeologist who walked the site last Friday.

##### ▶ **Main & Auburn**

Ginny reported that City Council had approved the consultant's final report for revitalization of the Main and Auburn business district. The report is on the City's website.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Gregory  
RHPC Secretary