

VILLAGE OF ROCKTON
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Monday, December 10, 2018

5:30 P.M.

Agenda

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of November 14, 2018 Meeting Minutes
- III. Downtown Property Owner Meeting Planning
- IV. Commissioner Search
- V. Old Business
- VI. New Business
- VII. Adjournment

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Wednesday, November 14, 2018
6:00 P.M.

Minutes

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

I. Roll Call

Present: Christopher Anderson, Mary Anne Mathwich, Mark Meichtry and Rory Mulligan

Absent: None

Staff Present: Planning & Development Administrator Patricia Diduch.

II. Approval of October 10, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Mathwich made a motion to approve the minutes. Second by Mr. Meichtry. Minutes approved unanimously, 4-0.

III. Outreach Committee – Update

Mr. Mulligan stated Margaret Cox will let the Commission use her building at 201 W. Main St. for the meeting on incentives. The Commission spoke at length about how to execute the meeting for maximum downtown building owner attendance. Ms. Diduch stated she would cross reference Ms. Wright's property owner list with what Ms. Diduch maintains for correspondence with downtown business and property owners.

IV. Rockton Christmas Walk Participation – Discussion

Ms. Mathwich questioned the value of participating in the Christmas Walk. Mr. Mulligan replied he thought it was a great opportunity to draw in the right crowd for potential Commissioners and historic homeowners or those who live in historic neighborhoods.

The time was set for 2 – 5 pm at the 201 W. Main St. building. Ms. Mathwich said she would bring the map from the summer tours. The Commissioners discussed different handouts they wanted to have available at the event.

V. Old Business

Mr. Anderson asked for updates on potential Commissioners. Mr. Meichtry stated his potential person does not live in the Village, but he is hoping that she will use her network to find someone else. Mr. Mulligan said the Murrays are not available. Mr. Anderson gave an update on his contact not being

available.

Ms. Mathwich spoke of Belvidere's commission being made up of people from Boone County and not just Belvidere, and she suggested Rockton is not big enough to pull from just Village limits. She expressed frustration about the Commission's efforts to be able to implement preservation.

Discussion ensued regarding filling the open Commissioner positions. The Commissioners also discussed at length how to reignite passion for historic preservation and create buy-in with the Village Board of Trustees. The façade grant guidelines and recent approval of the improvements to 116-118 W. Main St., the blue Masonic building, were discussed with the Commissioners expressing extreme disappointment in the Board of Trustees approving the grant request for a non-historic façade treatment.

VI. New Business

Mr. Anderson mentioned that the vice chair position is available. Mr. Meichtry nominated Ms. Mathwich as vice chair. Second by Mr. Mulligan. Motion approved, 4-0.

VI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Meichtry. Second by Ms. Mathwich. Motion approved, 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.