

# Rockford Historic Preservation Commission

January 12, 2016 – 5:30 PM – City Hall Council Chambers

**Present:** Dave Coady Gary Carlson, Vickie Krueger, Robert McCarthy, Matthew Wolff, Jeffrey Kirk  
**Absent:** Alderman Karen Elyea,  
**Staff:** Andrew Pieri  
**Other:** Interested Parties

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**Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Dave Coady**

**Roll Call and Determination of Quorum:**

6 members present and 1 are absent – Quorum.

**Public Hearing:**

N/A

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the December 1, 2015 and December 8, 2015 meeting.

A **MOTION** was made by Gary Carlson to **APPROVE** both the December 1, 2015 and December 8, 2015 minutes. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Matthew Wolff and **CARRIED** by a vote of **6-0**.

**Unfinished Business:**

None

**New Business:**

***Request for Opinion – 114, 116, 118 North Madison Street (Indoor City Market)***

Christopher Anderson from Larson and Darby Architects made a presentation to the Commission for the renovation of 114-116-118 North Madison Street. The purpose for this renovation is to create an indoor version of the Rockford City Market. This space, when renovated, with house (2) storefront retail, spaces, a multi-use space, and offices. The property is in the East State Street Rockford National Register Historic District. Mr. Anderson asked that the Commission support the project as presented and draft a letter to the State of Illinois Historic Commission.

A **MOTION** was made by Gary Carlson to write a letter of endorsement for the project. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vickie Krueger and **CARRIED** by a vote of **6-0**.

**Communication and staff report:**

Staff presented the 2015 Rockford Historic Preservation Commission annual report. There were not comments on the report.

Chairman Coady asked for an update on the HPC request to alter the sign ordinance to require the Historic Preservation Commission to review sign permits in National Register Historic Districts before City approval. Other members commented that they would like to avoid a repeat of the sign City staff approved at Oak Street Health since it did not match the character of the neighborhood and blocked architectural features on the building. Staff informed Commission members that the issue has been brought up to the zoning administrator, but that no further action has taken place.

Member Carlson made a **MOTION** for staff to draft a letter to the City Council asking that Action be taken to amend the sign ordinance requiring a Certificate of Appropriateness for any new proposed signs in National Historic Register Districts in the City of Rockford. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Robert McCarthy and **CARRIED** by a vote of 6-0.

**Adjournment:**

With no other business Jeffrey Kirk made a **MOTION** to **ADJOURN**. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Gary Carlson and **CARRIED** by a vote of **6-0**.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 P.M.

Submitted by Andrew Pieri – Historic Preservation Commission Secretary