

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF DAVENPORT, IOWA

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2023; 5:00 PM

CITY HALL | 226 WEST 4TH STREET | COUNCIL CHAMBERS

I. Call to Order

Chairperson McGivern called the meeting to order.

Present: McGivern, Franken, Miranda, Hustedde, Powers, Kretz

Staff Present: Berkley, Werderitch

II. Secretary's Report

A. Consideration of the July 11, 2023 meeting minutes.

Motion by Franken, second by Hustedde, to approve the July 11, 2023 meeting minutes.

Minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote (6-0).

III. Communications

A. Party in the Park

B. Downtown Davenport Architectural Walking Tour

C. Porch Party

Jan Stoffer, Director of Operations & Administration for the Butterworth Center/Deere-Wiman House, invited the Commissioners and the public to the 2023 Porch Party in Moline, IL.

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

A. Case COA23-24: Restoration of the gazebo at 1234 East River Drive. The Abner Davison House is a locally listed historic landmark. Quad City Restorations, petitioner. [Ward 3]

Werderitch introduced the scope of the project and outlined the staff report. The owner is requesting permission to completely restore and reconstruct the Victorian gazebo overlooking the Mississippi River.

Chris Rogers, applicant, was in attendance to answer questions.

Staff recommended approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness to restore the gazebo at 1234 East River Drive in accordance with the submitted material.

The project was reviewed for conformance with the Standards for Review, Chapter 14.01.060C of the Davenport Municipal Code. The project meets the following standards:

1. Every reasonable effort shall be made to make the minimal number of changes necessary to maintain a designated property in a good state of repair, thereby minimizing the impact of the proposed alteration.
2. Deteriorated architectural features should, where possible, be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement, the new feature shall match the old in design, color, texture and other visual qualities and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features shall be substantiated by documentary, physical or pictorial evidence.

Motion by Franken, second by Kretz, to approve Case COA23-24 as submitted. Motion to approve passed by a roll call vote (6-0).

- B. Case COA23-25: Removal of rooftop cellular equipment at 102 East 3rd Street. Hotel Mississippi is a locally listed historic landmark within the Davenport Commercial Historic District. QualTek Wireless, petitioner. [Ward 3]

Werderitch summarized the request to remove the rooftop cellular equipment. Following removal, the applicant will install a new roof to keep the property in a good state of repair.

Theodore Drevecky, QualTek Wireless, was in attendance to answer questions.

Staff recommended approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness to remove rooftop cellular equipment at 102 East 3rd Street in accordance with the submitted material.

The project was reviewed for conformance with the Standards for Review, Chapter 14.01.060C of the Davenport Municipal Code. The project meets the following standards:

1. Every reasonable effort shall be made to make the minimal number of changes necessary to maintain a designated property in a good state of repair, thereby minimizing the impact of the proposed alteration.

Motion by Hustedde, second by Kretz, to approve Case COA23-25 as submitted. Motion to approve passed by a roll call vote (6-0).

VI. Other Business

A. Review of Commission Bylaws

Staff distributed copies of draft Commission Bylaws for review and discussion. The draft was amended to reflect comments made at the June Historic Preservation Commission meeting.

Commissioners favored removing the option to vote "Present" in the Bylaws.

The Commission reviewed the revised election procedures and concurred with the amended language. The Commission agreed nominations should take place at the first meeting of the calendar year, with a vote at the second meeting of the calendar year. The Commission also expressed interest on term limits for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

Staff will provide an amended draft for the September 12, 2023 meeting.

VII. Open Forum for Comment

VIII. Adjourn

Motion by Powers, second by Hustedde, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by a voice vote (6-0). The meeting adjourned at 5:36 pm.

IX. Next Commission Meeting: September 12, 2023