

MINUTES  
GALENA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
312 ½ NORTH MAIN STREET, GALENA, IL 61036  
August 2, 2012

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Craig Brown called the meeting of the Galena Historic Preservation Commission to order at 6:30 PM on Thursday August 2, 2012.

**ROLL CALL & DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

Craig Brown	Present
Carl Johnson	Absent
Brian Schultes	Absent
Bob Brotheridge	Present
Katie Wienen	Present
Larry Wiedenheft	Present
William Gehrts	Present

A quorum was declared.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Approval of minutes of June 21, 2012:**

**MOTION:** Brotheridge moved, seconded by Wienen to approve the minutes.

**Discussion of the motion:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NB001:** 324 ½ N. MAIN STREET - BACK

Brady Liberg applicant, John & Ellen Liberg owners, requesting to increase width of rear porch.

Brady Liberg had photos on his camera which he passed around for viewing. He stated that the original was nine feet with sloped roof, there is no lawn and he would like a bigger deck. Brady could not find any historic photos of back of the building.

Duff Stewart Building Inspector stated that there is no setback required for Downtown District.

Liberg stated that he is proposing to:

- Leave eight feet between deck and sidewalk.
- Ground level would allow vehicle to pull under.
- Add table and chairs to deck.

The GHPC board discussed:

- Highly visible.
- Cannot tell when the original was built.
- Deck has been there for forty plus years and was used for furniture refinishing.
- Historically there wouldn't have been a deck, and a new deck will be better than the old one.

**MOTION:** Wiedenheft moved, seconded by Brotheridge to approve extension from nine feet to ten feet.

**Discussion of the motion:** None.

Roll call was:

Brotheridge	Yes
Wienen	Yes
Wiedenheft	Yes
Gehrts	Yes
Brown	Yes

The motion carried.

**NB002: 500 N.HIGH STREET.**

Earl Thompson applicant, James & Josephine Asta owner, requesting to relocate door on side of house to be rebuilt due to structural problems.

Earl Thompson stated that he is proposing to:

- Remove the wall on the lower level and shore it up eight feet.
- Move the door to corner where window is and put the window where the door is would make sense to repair and change at same time.
- All of the parking will be replaced as original (brick).
- There are no photos of the original building.
- The same windows will be used, and a new door will be purchased.
- The two windows to the left have brick headers and they are requesting to replace with wood headers to match the rest.

**MOTION:** Wienen moved, seconded by Wiedenheft to approve as presented.

**Discussion of the motion:** None.

Roll call was:

Brotheridge	Yes
Wienen	Yes
Wiedenheft	Yes
Gehrts	Yes
Brown	Yes

The motion carried.

**NB0003: 405 S. HIGH STREET.**

Teri Bautsch applicant and owner, request to install a polyvinyl privacy fence (tan). Six feet tall, approx. 55 feet from street ROW and 48 - 56 feet long (8' panels).

Teri Bautsch stated that she is requesting to:

- Install a forty-eight to fifty-six foot vinyl fence. It would begin at the end of her blacktop and run to her shed. She is requesting for some privacy, and the lot is very long, she is requesting lattice because she has lattice under her porch and she wanted to match it.

Duff Stewart Building Inspector stated that he did not approve it because she is requesting vinyl. Duff stated that it does not violate any zoning regulations and stated that Teri would not be here if she had proposed wood. She wants some privacy.

Chairperson Craig Brown stated that if it were wood it would be a very, very bad idea, privacy fences are terrible eyesores in the Historic District.

**MOTION:** Wiedenheft moved, seconded by Wienen to deny the request.

**Discussion of the motion:** None.

Roll call was:

Wienen	Yes
Wiedenheft	Yes
Gehrts	No
Brotheridge	Yes
Brown	Yes

The motion carried for denial.

**OTHER:**

1. State Historic Conferences and Publications.

Duff Stewart stated that he had nothing to add at this time.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE:**

Craig Brown, Chairperson stated that:

- He and Daryl Watson are working on boundaries.
- Locations outside the Historic District boundaries that need to be Landmarked in.
- The Ordinance itself will be completed at the same time that the boundaries are completed.

Darryl Watson stated that:

- Some of the issues that are occurring now that is slowing things down is the State Of Illinois in Springfield.
- Lots of staff cuts seem to be causing problems.
- Need to make sure contributing and non-contributing are correct on the Ball State surveys.
- Ideas are to streamline the process for home owner.
- The City may then want to seek National Landmark status.
- Homes historic outside the Historic District would not qualify for tax credits.
- There are two non-conforming homes in the tentative boundaries.
- Approximately two hundred non historic structures that will now not be in the Historic District.
- A Public Hearing would be held in the fall.
- The information from the Public Hearing would then be given to the City Council for approval.
- A preliminary draft has to be in Springfield by March 2013.
- Present to the Historic Sites Advisory Council June 28, 2013.
- The Historic Sites Advisory Council will act on the application at that time.
- The Grant has to be closed out by July 2013.
- It would be ideal if the process could be done by Christmas so Darryl Watson could work on this thru March.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** Brotheridge moved to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Johnson  
GHPC Secretary

Duff Stewart  
Building Inspector

## GHPC Meeting – 8.2.12

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