

MINUTES
GALENA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
312 1/2 NORTH MAIN STREET, GALENA, IL 61036
August 15, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chairperson Carl Johnson called the meeting of the Galena Historic Preservation Commission to order at 6:30 PM on Thursday August 15, 2013.

ROLL CALL & DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

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| Craig Brown | Absent |
| Carl Johnson | Present |
| Jack Dennerlein | Present |
| Bob Brotheridge | Present |
| Katie Wienen | Absent |
| Larry Wiedenheft | Present |
| William Gehrts | Present |

A quorum was declared.

Public Comments: None.

Approval of minutes July 18, 2013:

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

Discussion of the motion: None.

The motion passed by voice vote.

PUBLIC HEARING - NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE JULY 31, 2013 GALENA GAZETTE- REGARDING THE DEMOLITION OF A HOUSE AT 208 VAN BUREN STREET.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION: Brotheridge moved, seconded by Gehrts to open the Public Hearing.

The motion passed by voice vote.

Co-Chairman Carl Johnson swore in:

- Joan Murray of 706 Park Ave.
- Charles Primrose of 600 Park Ave.
- Judy White of 400 South St. represented her sisters that live at 215 Van Buren St.

208 VAN BUREN STREET- DEMOLITION REQUEST.

Mark Montgomery applicant and owner, requesting to demolish remaining structure on site before new home is built. Owner will replicate cottage.

Mark Montgomery stated that:

- This house has lots of damage to the floor boards, sills etc.
- If he should move the house he has been informed that there would be cracking, destruction, and distortion. There are holes in the sill, water damage, rot, just to name a few.
- He is asking to demolish and reconstruct this house to a mirror image as to what is there.

Judy White stated that:

- She is in favor of having this house demolished it is not the original wood work in the house and it is a real eye sore.

Charles Primrose stated that:

- Back in 1988 - 1990 he bid on this house to demolish it, and someone bid on owning it and living in it instead. He said that back then it had wood that was rotten. A previous owner built a wall inside the house next to the outside wall without removing anything.

Joan Murray stated that:

- She has lived in the area of this house for the past thirty-five years and it has always had moisture problems. She is in favor of removing everything and/or replicating the building using some of the old studs.

Mark Montgomery stated:

- He went around to each of the houses in the two hundred fifty foot radius of his house and asked each resident that he could reach to sign his petition and asked them how they felt about his demolition all of the people that he encountered were in favor of his demolition.

Charles Primrose stated that:

- This house and its foundation has become a water retention basin.

MOTION: Gehrts moved, seconded by Wiedenheft to close the public hearing.

The motion passed by voice vote.

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GHPC Board members stated:

- That Washburn lived in the house in 1843 and sold it in 1847.
- Demolition by neglect of previous owners beginning as many as forty years ago.
- In the future force the owner to fix/repair building as it deteriorates.
- That this house is not salvageable.
- That they saw the double walls that someone stated were present in the home.

MOTION: Wiedenheft moved, seconded by Gehrts to approve the request as presented.

Discussion of the motion: None.

Roll call was:

Wiedenheft Yes
Gehrts Yes
Dennerlein Yes
Brotheridge Yes
Johnson Yes

The motion carried.

OTHER:

1. State Historic Conferences and Publications.

Duff Stewart Building Official stated that:

- On September 26-27, 2013 in Springfield, IL there will a conference on Illinois History.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE

There was nothing at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Wiedenheft moved to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Johnson
GHPC Secretary

Duff Stewart
Building Inspector

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