

MINUTES  
GALENA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
101 GREEN STREET, GALENA, IL 61036  
November 5, 2015,

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Craig Brown called the meeting of the Galena Historic Preservation Commission to order at 6:30 PM on Thursday, November 5, 2015.

**ROLL CALL & DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

Craig Brown	Present
Carl Johnson	Present
Jack Dennerlein	Present
Bob Brotheridge	Absent
Katie Wienen	Absent
Larry Wiedenheft	Present – left @7:10 p.m.
William Gehrts	Present

A quorum was declared.

**Public Comments:**

None.

**Approval of minutes October 1, 2015:**

**MOTION:** Johnson moved, seconded by Dennerlein to approve the minutes.

**Discussion of the motion:** None.

The motion passed by voice vote.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NB001: 11373 HIGHWAY 20 WEST – THE RYAN MANSION.**

Adam Johnson applicant, Amelia Wilson-Roth owner, requesting to convert attic window into door and provide egress stair on north side to allow commercial use of historic ballroom.

Adam Johnson stated that

- The owner is in the early stages of rehabbing the ballroom which is on the third floor.
- This floor would then be used for commercial dinners, and ghost tour dinners.
- In order to get forty-eight maximum people up to that floor, it would require that there needs to be a second exit.
- The Fire Chief stated that there could be one stair in the back and that there needed to be a second stair.
- The plan is to come out of a room which now has a window and convert it to a door with a metal staircase going out on the north side of the building.
- There would be several platforms.

The GHPC board discussed that:

- The stairs should come out on the north side and then run east along side of the building.

**MOTION:** Wiedenheft moved, seconded by Dennerlein to approve as suggested with the condition to make a revision to the staircase that would minimize the extension of the staircase and landing to no more than approximately four feet from building and extend the stairs to the rear of the home.

**Discussion of the motion:** None.

Roll call was:

Dennerlein	Yes
Wiedenheft	Yes
Gehrts	Yes
Johnson	Yes
Brown	Yes

The motion carried.

**OTHER:**

1. State Historic Conferences and Publications.

There is nothing at this time.

2. Historic Preservation Guide Book.

Jonathan Miller, Building Official is requesting to have everyone on the GHPC Board go thru their Historic Preservation Guidebook and email him or call him with your ideas and suggestions, so that we may get a new book with the color chart and the lettering included.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Johnson moved to adjourn.

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Meeting adjourned by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Johnson  
GHPC Secretary

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