

MINUTES
GALENA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
101 GREEN STREET, GALENA, IL 61036
April 7, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Craig Brown called the meeting of the Galena Historic Preservation Commission to order at 6:30 PM on Thursday, April 7, 2016.

ROLL CALL & DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

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

A quorum was declared.

Public Comments:

Joan Wallace – spoke about:

- Crevices in that area.
- Performance bond should be required.
- Poor choice for expansion for this very historic site.

James Wirth – spoke about:

- Very historic significant site.
- Unobstructed views.
- Concerns about the deceased person in the memorial garden.

Randy Cullen – spoke about:

- His garage is behind the church very close to the construction site and very concerned,

Gina Cullen - spoke about:

- The fact that she is directly above Grace Episcopal Church and has an unobstructed view of Galena.
- This addition is absolutely absurd!
- Her garage is very close to where the new addition will be added, and it will be three stories high.

- Wanting a guarantee in writing from the contractor that if she has any damage done to her house that they will pay for repair.

Marcus Medler – spoke about:

- Concerned with the limestone foundation of the church crumbling.
- Concerned with the graveyard and the moving of the remains.
- There is no way of building on without hurting the significant site.

Rick Pariser – spoke about:

- The beautiful irreplaceable historical structure area between South Prospect Street and South High Street.
- The area is very dicey with lots of crevices, very unstable ground.
- The application is lacking a stability study.
- Lacking a Geo-technology study.

Approval of minutes March 3, 2016:

MOTION: Albaugh 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: 230 NORTH COMMERCE STREET.

Adam Johnson applicant, Alex Lopez, owner, requesting to remove glass block windows and replace with sash windows with clear glass. (More information at City Hall).

Adam Johnson stated that:

- He is requesting to remove the block window and replace with wood clad sash clear windows or window with metal. No spec for a windows at this time.

The GHPC board stated that this presentation is historically correct, and absolutely evident that it is historically correct.

MOTION: Albaugh moved, seconded by Dennerlein to approve with either wood or metal clad with the Building Inspectors approval.

Discussion of the motion: None.

Roll call was:

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| Dennerlein | Yes |
| Albaugh | Yes |
| Gehrts | Yes |
| Johnson | Yes |
| Brown | Yes |

The motion passed.

NB002: 201 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET. GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Adam Johnson applicant, Grace Episcopal Church owner, requesting to build an addition to the church to provide accessibility and community spaces adjacent to the church and allow the existing parish house to return to a residence. Two schemes are suggested for approval, one clad in stone, the other board and batten siding. (More information at City Hall)

Adam Johnson stated that most of the concerns that were presented in the Public Hearing were not appropriate for the Historic Preservation Board, they would be more appropriate for the zoning issues.

Adam Johnson explained the layout of the stabilized ground. There was originally a rock quarry in this area.

Adam Johnson stated that his proposal plan:

- To build an addition onto the church in order to have accessibility for the church people.
- Currently it is a disadvantage of the Church in not having a Church basement.
- The addition will be on the side and back of the present Church, the roof line would be lower than the original roof line of the Church.
- To use a board and batten or stone facing veneer on the front with cut random pattern.
- Would make the rectory go back to a single family home.
- The Church began using the cemetery in 1980 and it is used only for ashes of the deceased.
- There would have a parking lot next to a historic structure.
- There would be wood clad windows.
- There will be some landscaping on the side.

The GHPC board discussed that:

- The placement is appropriate, the height is below the original structure and that is vital the material choice are correct, and contributes to the economic liability of this establishment. In that sense you have paved the way to keeping it a viable and well preserved entity for decades well into the future.
- All the criteria and all the standards that the Parks Service gives us to work from, you have complied with each and every one of them.
- There are concerns about a new structure next to a very historic structure.

MOTION: Albaugh moved, seconded by Dennerlein to approve as presented.

Discussion of the motion:

Roll call was:

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| Albaugh | Yes |
| Gehrts | Yes |
| Johnson | Yes |
| Dennerlein | Yes |
| Brown | Yes |

The motion carried.

OTHER:

1. State Historic Conferences and Publications.

Jonathan Miller, Building Inspector stated that he has nothing at this time.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE:

Craig Brown stated that he has lost his notes, he will continue to look for them.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Johnson moved to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Johnson
GHPC Secretary

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