

MINUTES  
GALENA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
101 GREEN STREET, GALENA, IL 61036  
March 5, 2020

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Craig Brown called the meeting of the Galena Historic Preservation Commission to order at 6:30 PM on Thursday, March 5, 2020.

**ROLL CALL & DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

Craig Brown	Present
Carl Johnson	Present
Jack Dennerlein	Present
Katie Wienen	Present
William Gehrts	Present
Craig Albaugh	Present
Matt Carroll	Present

A quorum was declared.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Approval of minutes of August 15, 2019:**

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

**Discussion of the motion:** None.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**20HPC-006: PRESENTATION BY THE GALENA PRESERVATION ACTION ORGANIZATION (GPAO)**

Presentation was given by Wendy Bade and Krista Ginger. (see attachment 1).

**20HPC-007: 230 POPLAR AVENUE.**

Discussion and possible action on a request by applicant Arrow Co., owners Lynn Giles and William Bookless, to install solar panels on the roof of the newly constructed garage.

David Sandlers stated:

- That the panels will be on black frames.
- The panels will not cover the whole roof.

**MOTION:** Wiener moved, seconded by Johnson to approve as presented.

**Discussion of the motion:**

Roll call was:

Albaugh	Yes
Wiener	Yes
Carroll	Yes
Gehrts	Yes
Johnson	Yes
Dennerlein	Yes
Brown	Yes

The motion passed.

**20HPC-008: 2020 GALENA HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD NOMINEES.**

Discussion and possible action on the 2020 Galena Historic Preservation Award Nominees: 116A S. Bench St., 517 Fourth St., and 213-217 S. Main St.

The HPC Board discussed:

- Ordering ten year more of the plaques.
- All the possible addresses and voted on them.

The HPC Board all agreed.

After more discussion from the HPC Board the vote was taken.

- First place was 517 Fourth Street-2020 Historic Preservation Winner.

The address below will all be receiving Excellence in Preservation Award:

- Second place was 116 A South Bench Street
- Third place was 213-217 S Main Street

**OTHER**

**19HPC-051:** State Historic Conferences and Publications.

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Jonathan Miller Building Official, stated:

- There is nothing at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Wiener moved to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Johnson  
GHPC Secretary

"These minutes are a summary of discussion on all matters proposed, deliberated or decided, and a record of any motions made and votes taken. The minutes are intended to convey the nature of discussions that ensued on each matter, but are not a verbatim transcript."



Attachment 1

## Galena Preservation Action Organization

**Mission:** The Galena Preservation Action Organization (GPAO) is a non-profit community based planning advocacy organization with a mission of encouraging the preservation and restoration of historic places with a focus on privately owned properties. The organization also promotes designing, planning and supporting educational programs for the community that will enhance and sustain Galena as a great place to live and work. The following objectives and priorities represent the community based activities that the organization will undertake in cooperation with other organizations.

### Objective #1

- Promote the protection and restoration of privately owned historic buildings, features and structures throughout Galena

#### High Priorities

- GPAO is continuing to partner with the City of Galena to create a list of privately owned historic buildings most in need of protection and restoration (task has been completed for 2020 with a top 11 list of endangered buildings and another 11 that have been or are in the process of being saved). Efforts will be made to get the buildings off the endangered list (and by avoiding more demolition permits) and adding new ones as needed.
- Assist in land marking buildings outside the Historic District boundaries, as needed
  - First efforts to be done in conjunction with the owner or if no cooperation, will pursue
- Develop a community based preservation advocacy and information campaign. For example, we have invited experts on historic preservation from Landmarks Illinois to provide an information session to Galena leaders in March of 2020. Landmarks Illinois will continue to work with the City, GPAO and our community on preservation efforts in Galena and Jo Davless County.
- Promote the adoption of an ordinance (s) that encourages the rescue of neglected privately owned historic buildings ("Demolition by Neglect" which actually prevents properties from being demolished. A good example of this ordinance is Madison, Wisconsin's recently passed ordinance).
- Assist property owners of historic buildings that are in financial need with assistance. Find solutions such as volunteer crews of building contractors or students, Habitat for Humanity, Veteran Organizations, etc.

### Objective #2

- Promote roadway and street designs that are in harmony with surrounding land use and improve aesthetic appeal of historic Galena

**High Priority**

- Work with the Illinois Department of Transportation – District 2, the City of Galena and Jo Daviess County to promote sensitive solutions for the imminent U.S. Route 20 improvements along Route 20. Continue partnering with the City, County, JDCF and the local Trails Committee to work on a trail along Horseshoe Mound connecting to Gateway Park with a safe passageway under or over Route 20. This includes pursuing grants to pay for this effort.

**Objective #3**

- Promote design features that will enhance and make the City more interesting

**High Priority**

- Support the Galena Foundation in their pursuit of U.S. National Park Historic Landmark status for Galena and possibly the surrounding driftless area. The designation could encompass other areas in Jo Daviess County with significant historic, natural, and archaeological significance

**Objective #4**

- Encourage the City to advance its strategic plans. This includes an update of the 2004 City of Galena Comprehensive Plan.