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**OPENING ROLL CALL: 6:01**

Kathy Smith	Present	Rick Wasson	Present
Joseph Towns	Absent	Dan Shepard	Absent
Amberlynn Isaacs	Present	Herman Watson	PC Liaison Present
Gary Keshner	Present	Craig Faith	CC Liaison Absent
Martin Owens	Present		

Shannon McGuire, Planner & HPC Staff Liaison  
Ryan Elam, Development Center Director  
Josh Johnson, Assistant Director, Plan Services  
Josh Boehm, Development Manager, Rock Island Rail Corridor Authority

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

HPC ACTION: On motion of Commissioner Wasson, seconded by Commissioner Owens, the Historic Preservation Commission voted unanimously by voice vote to amend the last agenda item erroneously identified as a 2nd #2 by labeling it as item #3.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Action Letter of the June 19, 2017 Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

HPC ACTION: On motion of Commissioner Wasson and seconded by Commissioner Isaacs, the Historic Preservation Commission voted unanimously by voice vote to APPROVE the consent agenda.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

2. Presentation & Q/A Rock Island Rail Corridor Authority project presentation and Section 106 review. Presenter: Josh Boehm, Development Manager

Josh Boehm, Development Manager with the Rock Island Rail Corridor Authority gave a presentation to the HPC on the history of the Rock Island Rail Corridor and the current efforts underway redeveloping the rail line into a shared use path. Mr. Boehm gave the Commission an overview of the project and the planned improvements to the corridor. He continued his presentation presenting the work that has been completed for the Federal Section 106 review. The Commission was advised that the removal of the track was viewed by the State Historic Preservation Office to be an adverse action the historic value of the site. To mitigate this action the Rock Island Rail Corridor Authority has entered into a memorandum of agreement with the SHPO and Federal Highway Administration to mitigate the negative affect of removing the rail and ties. The Corridor Authority will be providing archival photographs of the existing condition of the culverts, bridges and rail ties. They will also be

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providing a historical context narrative. The final mitigation effort will be by creating two historical interruptive exhibits, one at the Vale Tunnel and one at the Raytown Depot location.

2. Discussion & After Action Report - Retrospective Analysis of the 2017 Historic Homes Walking  
Brainstorming - Tour

The HPC discussed what they felt went well and what they felt needed some improvement. One area that the Commission discussed was the hours of advertised operation. Mr. McGuire recommended that the staffing for next year be scheduled for longer than the advertised hours of the walking tour. Commissioner Wasson stated that he had received a good amount of feedback about the tour and specifically the brochure that was made by Commissioner Isaacs. Commission Chair Smith praised the hard work and excellent job the student volunteers. The commission discussed the idea of having hands on activity or work shop for future May preservation activities.

## OTHER ITEMS

## ROUNDTABLE

Mr. McGuire introduced the Commission's newest member Gary Keshner. Commissioner Keshner spoke with the commission about his interest in historic preservation and gave them a brief overview of his professional background. He explained that he restores stone in old buildings and ran over some local projects, fountains on the plaza and the capital building. Mr. McGuire then introduced the new Planning Commission Liaison Hermon Watson.

Mr. McGuire gave the Commission an update on the Exterior Renovation Permit application that was applied for the property located at 6 SW 3rd St. He explained the proposal that was presented to the city and explained why the City staff felt it did not meet the design standards for the district. On motion of Commissioner Wasson, seconded by Commissioner Owens, the Historic Preservation Commission voted unanimously by voice vote to support staff's stance on the Exterior Renovation Permit and oppose the current proposal.

Mr. McGuire introduced Josh Johnson, Assistant Director, Plan Services. Mr. Johnson gave the commission brief overview of his professional background.

## ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned At: 7:25

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