

Belleville Historic Preservation Commission  
Held at Mayor's Conference Room, Belleville City Hall  
Regular Meeting, Wednesday February 18, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Meeting Minutes

**ATTENDANCE**

Mike Dill, Vice-Chair  
Tristen Gary, Treasurer  
Molly Mckenzie, Member  
Ryan Reu, Member  
Steve Matthews, Member  
Chet Breitwieser, Member

**EXCUSED**

Sean McElligott, Chair  
Laura Kelley, Secretary  
Christina Schmittling, Member

**STAFF**

Eric Schauster, City Liaison

**DRR REPRESENTATIVE**

Jack LeChien

**GUEST**

None

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Dill called the meeting to order at 6:00PM

**Emergency Procedures were given. Introductions were given**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Jack LeChien stated lawn ornaments, statues, etc. should be included in the Design Guidelines and incorporated into the Historic Preservation Ordinance.

**DESIGN REVIEW REQUESTS**

200 Abend St. (Gustave Koerner House Museum)

Jack LeChien presented a request to replace the second story sleeping porch on the east side of the Gustave Koerner House Museum. Discussion was held on the proposed materials for the decking and the dimensions of the proposed sleeping porch.

Motion to approve: Mr. Chet Bretweiser made a motion to table the DRR to the next meeting or until renderings/samples of the proposed materials are submitted.

Seconded: Mr. Tristen Gary

Motion Carried (Molly McKenzie abstained).

**OFFICER'S REPORTS**

**Chair Report:** No report.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Mr. Chet Breitwieser motioned to amend the January 21, 2026 minutes to specify ¼" glass in as the approved material for the DRR for 105 East D St. Ms. Molly McKenzie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Molly McKenzie motioned to approve the January 21, 2026 minutes, as amended.

Mr. Steve Matthews seconded the motion

Motion carried unanimously

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mr. Tristen Gary reviewed the existing balance of \$861.25. No outstanding invoices.

### **STAFF LIAISON REPORT**

#### **1.) Design Review Manual Updates**

Discussion was held on questions and guidance requested from Farnsworth Group.

#### **2.) 6th Street Heritage Park**

The City is awaiting updated drawings, scope of work and budget from the City's consultant on moving the City Market to the 6<sup>th</sup> Street property. Once received, the City will petition the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity to use existing grant funding to develop a portion of the park.

### **NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

- 1.) Discussion was held on the possibility of mailings to district properties. Mr. Eric Schauster stated he is getting prices from printing companies and will report back to the Commission at the March meeting. No action was taken.
- 2.) Discussion was held on purchasing business cards for the Commission. Mr. Eric Schauster showed a graphic of similar City business cards and will provide pricing information at the March meeting. No action was taken.
- 3.) Miscellaneous Discussion:
  - a.) Mr. Steve Matthews proposed a block party style event or events to promote the Historic Districts and celebrate Belleville's historic neighborhoods.
  - b.) Mr. Eric Schauster informed the members of a new law prohibiting public meetings being held on days of elections. Due to the Illinois Primary Elections being held on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, the March HPC meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - c.) Discussion was held about possible changes to the regular HPC meeting dates. Further discussion and a possible motion will be on the March agenda.

### **ADJOURN**

Motioned to adjourn: Mr. Chet Breitwieser

Seconded: Ms. Molly McKenzie

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 7:20pm

Date Approved: 3-18-2026

Chairperson's Signature: Sam P. McKenzie