

City of Joliet

150 West Jefferson Street
Joliet, IL 60432



Meeting Minutes - Pending Approval

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

6:00 PM

City Hall, Council Chambers

Joliet Historic Preservation Commission

Commission Members

Quinn Adamowski

Brian Bessler

Felipe J. Gloria

Kevin Heinemann

Candace Johnson

Kailee Lowry

Sharon Merwin

Aaron Mikottis

Ken Spiegel

Sara Stovall

Steven Wright

Citizens who are unable to attend the meeting can email comments in advance of the meeting to publiccomment@joliet.gov.

CALL TO ORDER

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Present	Quinn Adamowski, Felipe J. Gloria, Kevin Heinemann, Candace Johnson, Kailee Lowry, Sharon Merwin, Sara Stovall and Steven Wright
Absent	Brian Bessler, Aaron Mikottis and Ken Spiegel

Planning Director Jayne Bernhard introduced Felipe Gloria as a new member of the Joliet Historic Preservation Commission and Francisco Jimenez as the new City Planner. Mr. Gloria and Mr. Jimenez each introduced themselves to the Commission, and the Commissioners introduced themselves in return.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Joliet Historic Preservation Commission Regular Meeting
Minutes 4-23-25**

[TMP-9222](#)

Attachments: [JHPC 4-23-25 Minutes.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Quinn Adamowski, seconded by Kailee Lowry, to approve Joliet Historic Preservation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes 4-23-25. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Adamowski, Gloria, Heinemann, Johnson, Lowry, Merwin and Stovall

Absent: Bessler and Spiegel

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Survey of Hitching Posts

[TMP-9220](#)

Ms. Bernhard proposed creating a geolocated inventory of Joliet's hitching posts and stepping stones, with Commissioners documenting location, type, date of installation, relocation status, material, dimensions, condition, photographs, property information, and historical significance. The Commission agreed to

involve the public and aim for completion by Preservation Month in May, with discussion of using a shared folder and the CitizenVue app to track information.

STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Bernhard provided an update on the Joliet Area African American Historic Context Study and noted receipt of a second CLG grant to perform oral histories. Ms. Bernhard explained consultants were also conducting oral histories for the I-80 Des Plaines River Bridge Community Plan to inform interpretive signage. Ms. Bernhard highlighted the January 21 arts, heritage, and culture workshop for the Comprehensive Plan and mentioned the St. Mary's project was ongoing with no set opening date.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Sharon Merwin shared a document on how to research the history of your house with the Commission and acknowledged the passing of Hal Carlson, former commissioner and architect.

Candace Johnson noted a lack of recent landmark status applications. Ms. Bernhard reported that the owner of the Stern Building completed interior renovations and inquired about landmark status but was ineligible due to window replacements. Ms. Bernhard encouraged Commissioners to view it and suggested it may be a preservation award candidate.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Quinn Adamowski, seconded by Sharon Merwin, to approve adjournment. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Adamowski, Gloria, Heinemann, Johnson, Lowry, Merwin and Stovall

Absent: Bessler and Spiegel

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