HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY **Agenda Item** COA: 10 Illinois St. Title/Address: New mixed-use building **Proposal:** Bob Rasmussen, First Street Development II, LLC **Petitioner:** SINCE 1834 Please check appropriate box (x) **PUBLIC HEARING MEETING** \mathbf{X} 9/7/16 **AGENDA ITEM CATEGORY:** Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) X Façade Improvement Plan **Preliminary Review** Landmark/District Designation Discussion Item **Commission Business ATTACHMENTS:**

Building Elevations

Minutes from 6/15/16

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

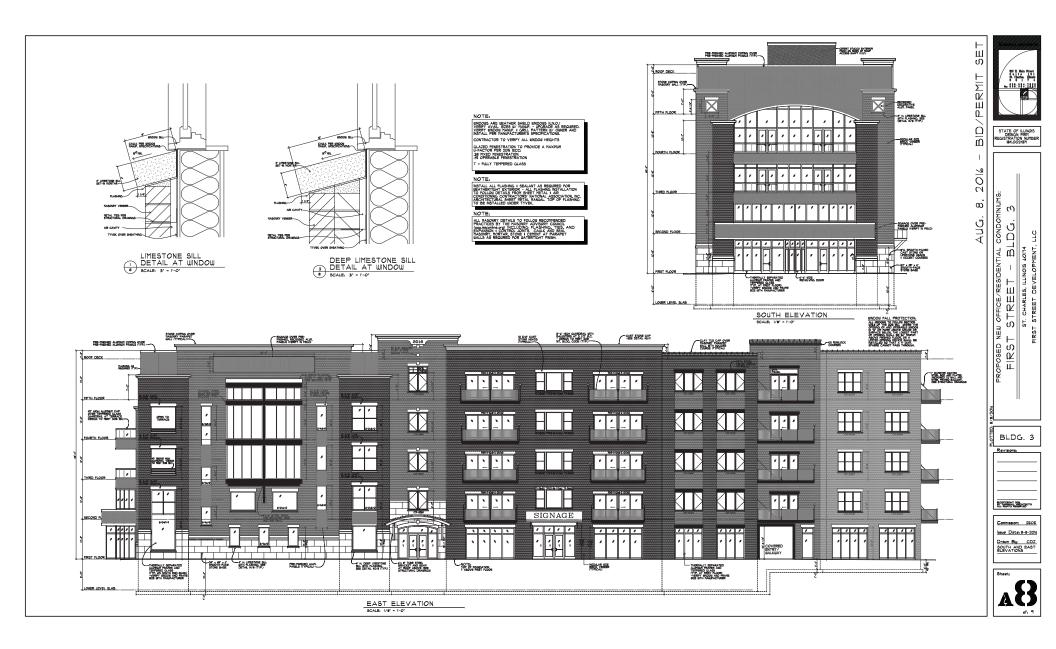
Proposed is a new building to be constructed on the lot between the new parking deck and the Fox River, adjacent to Illinois St. This is Building #3 of Phase 3 of the First Street Redevelopment.

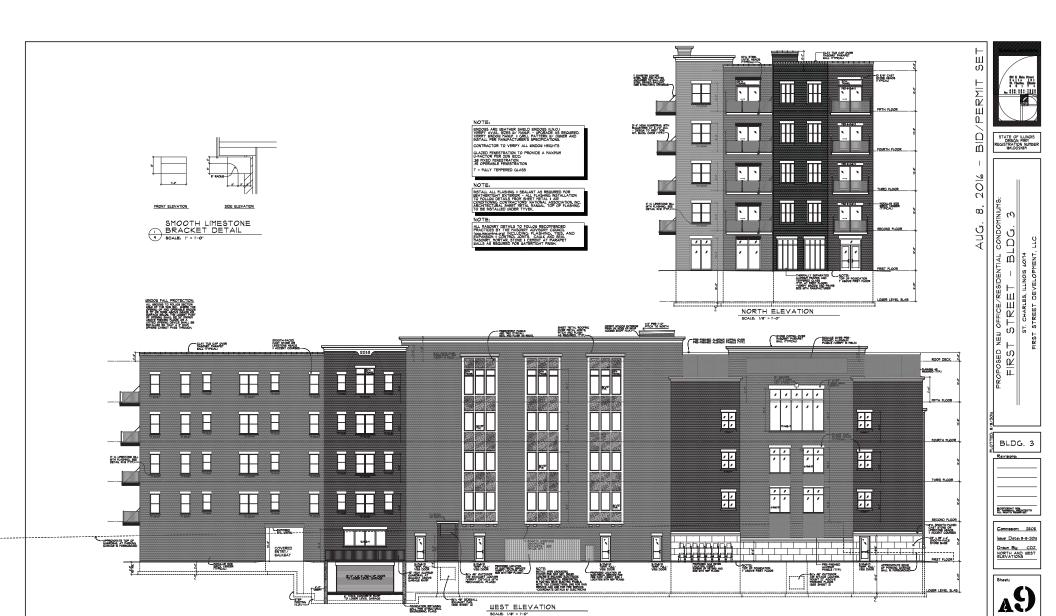
The Commission reviewed and recommended approval of a PUD Preliminary Plan for Building #3 in June 2016. The Commission also recommended approval of a PUD Amendment to permit first floor bank and office uses in Building #3. The PUD Preliminary Plan and PUD Amendment are up for City Council approval on Sept. 6.

The elevations for Building #3 substantially conform to the PUD Preliminary Plan.

RECOMMENDATION / SUGGESTED ACTION:

Provide feedback and recommendations on approval of the COA.





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Mr. Pretz said the Commission's job is to consider development of properties without the restrictions of having to consider the competitor.

Mr. Bobowiec expressed concern over having a "white elephant" sitting on First Street if the hotel fails. He asked what they would do with the space if that happens. Mr. Rasmussen said the hotel firmly believes in the business plan and doesn't think this is a big concern. Mr. Bobowiec said the original plan was for permanent residents to help draw business to the local establishments. Mr. Rasmussen said other buildings in the area are helping do that, but hotel guests will eat out more often than local residents.

Chairman Norris read the Commission's action item. He asked if they were ready to provide a recommendation to the Plan Commission. Mr. Rasmussen said he preferred they wait on a vote on the preliminary plan until he comes back with new architectural renderings.

A motion was made by Ms. Malay and seconded by Mr. Bobowiec with a unanimous voice vote to recommend to Plan Commission approval of the size, scale, and mass of Building #2. [At the request of the applicant, the Commission did not provide a recommendation on the PUD Preliminary Architectural Plans for Building #2. The Commission will consider revised architectural plans at a later meeting.]

A motion was made by Mr. Withey and seconded by Mr. Pretz to recommend to Plan Commission approval of the PUD amendment to allow a hotel use on the first floor of Building #2 and that the hotel use is appropriate for the site. Motion passed by a vote of 4 ayes to 2 nays, with Mr. Bobowiec and Ms. Malay voting nay.

Building #3 Discussion:

Mr. Marshall presented his drawings. Building #3 is designed to look like a series of buildings. He said this was done due to the size and scale of the building, and to keep a unique look for Sterling Bank, which will locate at the south end of the building. He is using a mix of steel and brick. The remaining elevation is very simple. He noted they are still working on the condos so the windows may get moved around. The first floor will contain office space.

Mr. Rasmussen stated the bank will use this location as their corporate headquarters in Illinois. They will have staff from other locations coming into town.

Mr. Withey was pleased with the overall concept and is fine with the proposed uses.

Dr. Smunt said this isn't too different from the original approved plans and felt this was even better. He said he would like to see fewer casement windows.

Mr. Gibson said the balconies would not be unusable for a few months of the year due to the river bugs. He asked if there was something that could be done to give the residents some accessible outdoor space. He also asked if there was any potential use of the rooftop. Mr. Rasmussen said they looked into having a rooftop bar associated with a main floor restaurant, but

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the numerous code requirements prevent that as an option. Mr. Marshall said it might be possible with the residential portion of the building.

Ms. Malay felt they were headed in the right direction, but questioned the depth of the staggered elevations. She noted the building across First Street looks a bit phony and asked to avoid a similar look.

Mr. Bobowiec and Mr. Pretz both said they are fine with this plan.

Chairman Norris stated they did a great job with the bank portion of the building.

A motion was made by Dr. Smunt and seconded by Mr. Gibson with a unanimous voice vote to recommend to Plan Commission approval of the PUD amendment to allow bank and office uses on the first floor of Building #3.

A motion was made Dr. Smunt and seconded by Ms. Malay with a unanimous voice vote to recommend to Plan Commission approval of the size, scale, and mass of Building #3.

A motion was made by Ms. Malay and seconded by Mr. Bobowiec with a unanimous voice vote to recommend to Plan Commission approval of the PUD Preliminary Architectural Plans for Building #3.

- 12. Additional Business from Commissioners or Staff
 - a. Landmarks research
 - b. 2016 Projects Discussion
 - i. Residential Design Guidelines update
 - ii. Survey of Pottawatomie area
 - iii. City Council Tour
 - iv. Nantucket initiatives

A motion was made by Mr. Pretz and seconded by Mr. Bobowiec with a unanimous voice vote to table all #12 agenda items until the next meeting.

- 13. Meeting Announcements: Historic Preservation Commission meeting Wednesday, July 6, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Committee Room.
- 14. Public Comment
- 15. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.