

**AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**Agenda Item number: **IA**

Title:

Presentation of a Recommendation by Mayor Rogina to Appoint Mr. Phil Kessler to the Historic Preservation Commission.

Presenter:

Mayor Rogina

Meeting: City Council

Date: November 7, 2016

Proposed Cost: \$

Budgeted Amount: \$

Not Budgeted: **Executive Summary** *(if not budgeted please explain):*

By virtue of this memorandum I request your favorable consideration to appoint the following recommendation to the St. Charles Historic Preservation Commission:

Mr. Phil Kessler, 345 S. 2nd Street, St. Charles. Mr. Kessler has been a resident of St. Charles for 38 years. He has been in the architectural millwork and building supply business for more than 38 years, and is an associate member of the Institute of Classical Architecture/Classical America (ICA/CA – Chicago Chapter, a group of architects devoted to classical architecture based upon the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition). In addition he has an avid interest in history and specifically historic buildings.

Mr. Kessler has served on the St. Charles Breakfast Rotary Club, and has participated in numerous citizen focus groups and city-sponsored town-hall and advisory meetings over the years.

Mr. Kessler will fill the vacancy on the Historic Preservation Commission with a term expiration of April 30, 2019.

Attachments *(please list):*

Bio

Recommendation/Suggested Action *(briefly explain):*

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Tuesday, October 25, 2016

The Honorable Ray Rogina
Mayor, City of St. Charles, Illinois

Re: Oct 2016 – Philip (Phil) Kessler Bio - Historic Preservation Committee

Dear Mayor Rogina,

I am writing to express my interest in serving and to fill the vacant position of commissioner on the St Charles Historic Preservation Committee. I have an avid interest in history and specifically historic buildings. As a resident of St Charles for 38 years, and prior to that in Geneva, Illinois, I have lived my life steeped in the historic buildings and living history of the Fox Valley. My current residence on South 2nd Street in St Charles is a 90 year old gem that my wife, Susanne (Sue) and I have renovated over the past 19 years in a historically-sensitive fashion. And, I have owned several investment properties, some of which were very old and which also were renovated with an eye to historic detail.

I have been in the architectural millwork and building supply business for more than 30 years; 19 of those years as an independent rep for millwork supply manufacturers all around North America. One of my favorite business activities is that of an associate member of the Institute of Classical Architecture / Classical America (ICA/CA – Chicago Chapter, a group of architects devoted to classical architecture based upon the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition).

I have served on the board of the St. Charles Breakfast Rotary Club, as a past president of the St. Charles Library Foundation Board, and have participated in numerous citizen focus groups and city-sponsored town-hall and advisory meetings over the years. Therefore, I believe I can add valuable perspective and enthusiasm to the Preservation committee as a commissioner. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Philip Kessler
345 S. 2nd Street
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