

City of St. Charles, Illinois

Historic Preservation Commission Resolution No. 9-2023

A Resolution Recommending Approval for Landmark Designation (720 Prairie St. – Bernard Snelting)

WHEREAS, per Section 17.32.060 of the St. Charles Zoning Ordinance, it is the responsibility of the St. Charles Historic Preservation Commission to evaluate applications for Landmark Designation and to make recommendations to the City Council regarding them; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission has reviewed the application for designation of 720 Prairie St. and hereby finds that the Landmark nomination meets one or more of the criteria for Landmark Designation listed in Section 17.32.060.C of the St. Charles Zoning Ordinance based on the historical and architectural significance as described in the following findings:

1. The property has character, interest or value which is part of the development, heritage or cultural character of the community.

Good representative of the Early Modern Era- Automobile period. The house is located on Prairie St., which is was an early connecting street from downtown to Lincoln Highway. Collectively with its neighbors, the house is one of the first homes on the block built before electricity.

2. Structure embodies distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style valuable for the study of a period, type, method of construction, or use of indigenous materials.

The structure is built in the Colonial Revival Style. The structure contains many of the distinguishing architectural elements including a center gable over the front door that is covered by an open porch with a pediment centered below.

3. Property has a unique location that make it a familiar visual feature.

Property is part of the North Side Prairie St. Expansion. The house is very visible and sets itself apart architecturally from its neighbors.

4. The property is suitable for preservation or restoration.

Yes.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the St. Charles Historic Preservation Commission to recommend to the City Council that the property known as 720 Prairie St. as

legally described in Exhibit “A”, be designated as a Landmark, and that it be referred to as the
“Bernard Snelting”, with a construction date of circa 1930.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Malay, Kessler, Pretz, Smunt, Rice, Kramer

Nays: None

Absent: Dickerson

Abstain: None

Motion Carried.

PASSED, this 18th day of October, 2023.

Chairman

Exhibit "A"
Legal Description

THAT PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 8, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 13 IN MOODY'S ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF ST CHARLES: THENCE WESTERLY ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINE OF PRAIRIE STREET 314.34 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF A TRACT OF LAND CONVEYED TO JAMES L. RICH AND ALLIE RICH BY DOCUMENT 399653 FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID RICH TRACT FORMING AN ANGLE OF 82 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 53 SECONDS WITH THE LAST DESCRIBED COURSE (MEASURED COUNTERCLOCKWISE THEREFROM) 119.41 FEET; THENCE WESTERLY AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE LAST DESCRIBED COURSE 19.19 FEET; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG A LINE FORMING AN ANGLE OF 187 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 07 SECONDS WITH THE LAST DESCRIBED COURSE (MEASURED COUNTERCLOCKWISE THEREFROM) 46.24 FEET; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG A LINE FORMING AN ANGLE OF 214 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 15 SECONDS WITH THE LAST DESCRIBED COURSE (MEASURED COUNTERCLOCKWISE THEREFROM) 21.17 FEET; THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG A LINE FORMING AN ANGLE OF 129 DEGREES 15 SECONDS 06 MINUTES WITH THE LAST DESCRIBED COURSE (MEASURED CLOCKWISE THEREFROM) 109.25 FEET TO SAID NORTHERLY LINE; THENCE EASTERLY ALONG SAID NORTHERLY LINE 74.97 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, IN THE CITY OF ST. CHARLES, KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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