

PLANNING DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

to: Historic Preservation Commission
from: Ed Zimmer
re: Agenda items for December 18, 2014
date: December 12, 2014

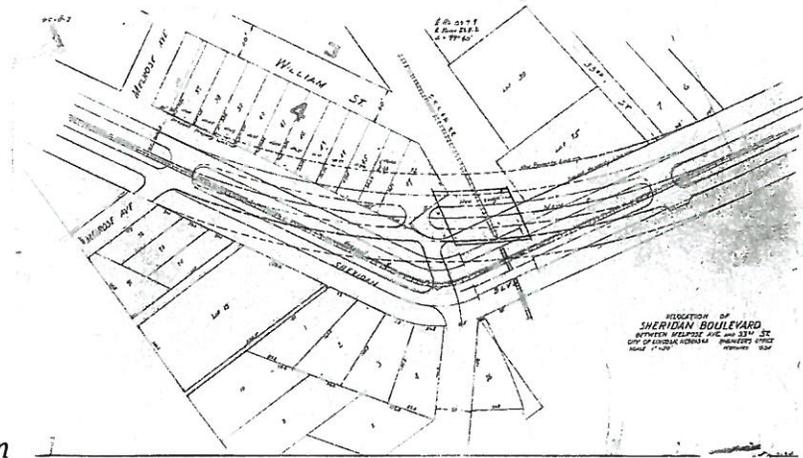
Item 3: Discussion and Recommendation on Penny Bridges design

The City engaged Benesch & Company to conduct a design process for replacement structures for Penny Bridges on Sheridan Boulevard.

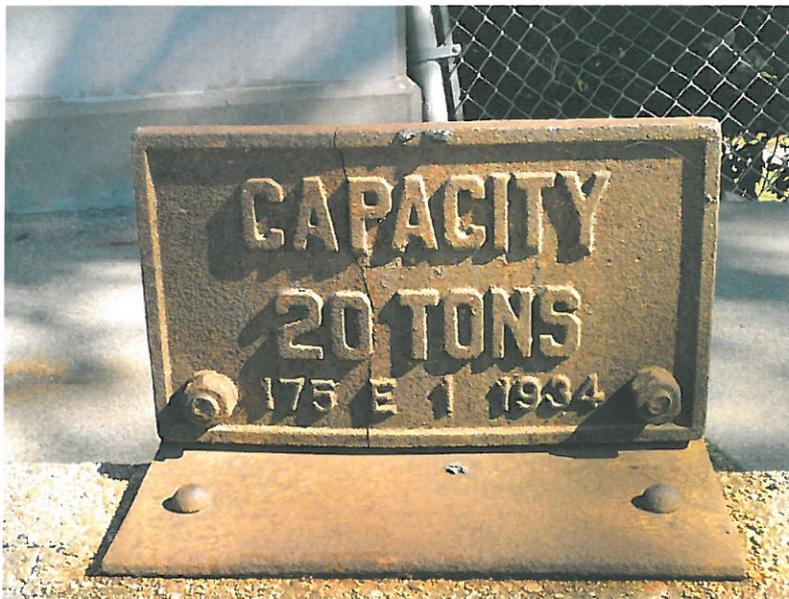


Previous Sheridan Blvd. bridge across Rock Island Railroad, prior to 1934.

When Sheridan Boulevard and its street car line were established in 1909, two wooden bridges carried the automotive traffic, with wooden trestle between for the street car. The location of these bridges slightly south of the current bridges is recalled by the brick-paved street in front of Congregation Tifereth Israel Synagogue.



1934, bridge relocation



The original bridges were replaced in 1934 with two steel and concrete bridges, with cast concrete railing along both sides of both spans. A wooden trestle continued to carry the streetcar line between the automotive spans until the street car line was abandoned in 1945. The bridges were identified as contributing elements of the Boulevards Historic District in 2008 when the area was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



The 1934 spans are now deteriorated and in need of replacement. A design process has been undertaken and the results will be presented to the Commission for advice and comment, due to the historic significance of Sheridan Boulevard and the crossing of the former Rock Island right of way.



Information on the project is available at:
<http://sheridanpennybridges.com/>

Item 4: Miscellaneous and staff report

I will report to the Commission on

- progress of the application for the height waiver for the “Journeys”/Lumberworks garage liner building,
- further information from Building and Safety Dept. and Kevin Rhinehart on 1717 D St,
- and applications for a landmark designation and special permit received and withdrawn.

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