



ROCKFORD HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

425 East State Street
Rockford, Illinois 61104

Memorandum

To: Alderman Jonathan Logemann, Code and Regulation Committee Chairman
Alderman Tamir Bell
Alderman Gabrielle Torina
Alderman Mark Bonne
Alderman Aprel Prunty

From: Rudy Moreno
Historic Preservation Commission Secretary

Date: July 23, 2026

Re: **PROPOSED LANDMARK DESIGNATION of 1202 EDDY AVENUE
A & E Tool & Gage**

The Historic Preservation Commission received an application to designate the building at 1202 Eddy Avenue as a landmark. The public hearing for designation was held on July 14, 2026. At that time, the Commission voted 6-0 to recommend to City Council that the application be approved.

To be declared a landmark by the City of Rockford, a property must, according to City ordinance, "retain the integrity and spirit of the original design." It must also meet at least one of ten additional criteria listed in the ordinance. These criteria are listed on the third page of the application form under #9, Significance. (A copy of the application is attached for your information.)

The A & E Tool & Gage building was nominated for landmark designation for one reason.

1. Extraordinary curiosity or picturesque work as it considered Streamline Moderne Architecture.

After hearing testimony at the hearing and reviewing the application, the Historic Preservation Commission voted 6-0 to recommend to the City Council that it approve the application to designate the A & E Tool & Gage as a landmark site. Their recommendation is based on the site's unique architectural significance.

A copy of the complete application is attached for your information. At this point, the Rockford Historic Preservation Commission respectfully submits its recommendation to you and the other members of the Rockford City Council for your review and action. By ordinance, final action

must be taken by the City Council within 60 days of this date (by September 12, 2026) or the application will be considered denied.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 779-348-7447 or you can reach me by email at rudymoreno@rockfordil.gov.

Cc: Mayor Thomas McNamara
Other members of City Council