

Dubuque County Historic Preservation Commission (DCHPC)

Tuesday 1 August 2023 at 3:45pm via zoom.

Historic Preservation Members (by term expiration date) Present:

31 Dec 23, R.R.S. Stewart (Dubuque)

31 Dec 25 Jason Neises (Mud Lake)

31 Dec 25, David Vanderah (Peosta)

31 Dec 25 Rodney Fiebelkorn (Sherrill),

Not Present: 31 Dec 23 Patricia J. Baum (Dubuque)

Other Present: Harley Pothoff (Supervisor), Ed Raber (County Director)

Chair Stewart called the meeting to order at 3:47pm on 6 June 2023.

After introductions, the August 2023 agenda and June 2023 Minutes were approved as submitted.

Commissioner Turnover Chris Soeder has retired and Rodney Fiebelkorn has joined the Commission.

Old Business Last year, DCHPC co-sponsored a Lunch & Learn on the topic of African-American History in Dubuque County and the Black Heritage Survey of the City of Dubuque on Friday 17 June 2022 to coincide with the Juneteenth weekend. The Presentation was at the Dubuque Museum of Art. The tour started in Washington Park, then went to the "I am a Man" Mural facing the former African-American neighborhood on 8th Street and Robinson Street, before going to 1243 Main, the Goodrich-Wilson-Ryan house, home of Judge David S. Wilson, who ruled to integrate the Dubuque Schools in 1877. The tour then returned to Dubuque Museum of Art for a reception. For those who didn't want to go on the walking tour because of the rain, Vanderah had brought a binder of Sanborn maps people could look at. DCHPC had approved funds to three partner organizations as part of the Juneteenth African American History / Black Heritage Events, with the remainder to be used for the reception after the tour. When Stewart submitted her receipts for the reception, she was told the county does not pay for food and drink, even though commission funds had been used to pay for receptions in the past, so \$31.77 was not reimbursed. Additionally, the \$50 check sent to Preservation Iowa for DCHPC's annual membership has never been cashed. Ed Raber indicated that in the future he could help with operational things like that.

New Business The 2024 Fiscal Year begins on 1 July 2023. It was indicated that DCHPC's budget request for the fiscal year was approved. Presentations in the next fiscal year could include Tricia Baum's "Mid-Century Modern Architecture in Dubuque County: An Overview of Dubuque Resources dating from the 1940s to the 1960's" or David Vanderah's videos of the Henderson house.

Other Business Canadian Pacific Railway sent notice that they intended to install seven (7) freestanding 60-foot monopoles along their railway line in Dubuque County to upgrade to positive train control. Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, Federal agency must take into account the affects of its actions on historic properties. Section 106 reviews are required for any project receiving federal funds or under the jurisdiction of a federal entity that could affect a national register-eligible property to decide if the property is historic and the project could have an adverse effect. Since it seems like the monopoles are going along an existing railway where other types of poles already exist, DCHPC feels their will be little to no adverse affects on historic properties.

Announcements –The next meeting of DCHPC will be in October or November.
Respectfully submitted by RRS Stewart, Chair.