



Dubuque County Historic Preservation Commission

MINUTES

Dubuque County Historic Preservation Commission
Tuesday, April 30, 2024, 3:45pm via Zoom

Commissioners Present: Chair RRS Stewart, Patricia Baum, Barry Montague, Jason Neises, David Vanderah

Commissioners Absent: Rodney Fiebelkorn

Staff Members Present: Ed Raber

CALL TO ORDER & REVIEW AGENDA: Chairperson Stewart called the meeting to order via Zoom at 3:45pm and a quorum was established. There were no requested changes or corrections to the published agenda.

MINUTES: Motion by Neises, seconded by Montague, to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2024 meeting as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS:

Olde Worthington Road Bridge Replacement

Raber presented the staff report memo on the proposed deconstruction and replacement of the Olde Worthington Road bridge over Durion Creek by the Dubuque County Roads Department. He indicated that the 1928 bridge has been deemed structurally deficient and functionally obsolete.

An Intensive Phase I Cultural Resources Inventory (CEMVR-RD-2023-0100, CRM Report 328) was completed for Dubuque County by Impact 7G, effective May 10, 2023. This study found that the bridge replacement project would not affect any property currently listed on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. In the Section 106 review, the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE) solicited input from stakeholders concerning the proposed action. The Iowa State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) disagreed and asserted that the bridge was eligible for the National Register. The USACOE agreed and is looking for feedback from the County Historic Preservation Commission

Raber indicated that the County Roads Department wishes to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the USACOE, SHPO and other stakeholders, that would outline how the bridge replacement would be done, and including a requirement for an "Iowa Historic Property Study" be completed within 3 years by the County. The draft MOA is dated January 22, 2024.

Raber outlined 3 recommendations he was making to the Commission. 1) Agreement with the SHPO review and conclusions on the Phase I Cultural Resources Inventory as part of the Section 106 review, 2) Agreement with the draft MOA requiring an Iowa Historic Property Study on the bridge. 3) Agreement for the HPC to participate in the MOA as an invited signatory.

Motion by Baum for the HPC to agree with the SHPO review and conclusions regarding the Phase I Cultural Resources Inventory (CEMVR-RD-2023-0100, CRM Report 328), seconded by Neises, and passed unanimously.

Motion by Neises for the HPC to be in agreement with the draft MOA requiring an Iowa Historic Property Study be completed by the County within 3 years as part of the Section 106 review, seconded by Baum, and passed unanimously.

Motion by Baum to agree that the HPC should participate in the MOA as an invited signatory, seconded by Neises, and passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

FY24 and FY25 HPC Budget

Stewart noted that the FY24 and FY25 Commission budgets includes funding for Commissioners to attend some remote trainings, including the Preserve Iowa conference in Mt. Pleasant in June 6-8.

Genealogy Trainings & Picturing America's Past-time conference

Stewart noted some recurring genealogy trainings that may be of interest to the commissioners and the public. She also noted that the Dubuque Art Museum is hosting an art show about baseball and its history in the Dubuque area, and also hosted a conference. No Commissioners were able to attend the conference but some saw the exhibit.

Cardinal-Hickory Creek 345kV Transmission Line

Stewart said this is a standing item on the agenda but that she has no updates. Raber noted that a portion of the new transmission line is active in Wisconsin, but that a federal temporary injunction in March has paused construction on the Mississippi River crossing in Clayton County.

Mid-Century Modern Architecture in Dubuque County Presentation

Stewart said she contacted Dubuque Carnegie Stout Library and they suggested June 23 at 1:00pm as a time for the Mid-Century Modern presentation. Baum indicated that she is preparing for a 20-minute presentation with time after for Q&A. There was discussion about connecting with the County Library District and the Cascade and Dyersville libraries to see if they would be interested in hosting the presentation.

What Style Is It? Presentations

Neises reported that he gave his presentation "What Style Is It?" several times, including at the County's library in Epworth with 2 attendees and at the County's library in Asbury with 7 attendees.

NEW BUSINESS:

Historic Preservation Proclamation

Stewart noted that she has submitted a proclamation to the County for approval at the May 6 Board of Supervisors meeting. The Proclamation names May 2024 and National Preservation Month, and also calls out Architecture Days events in May 6-11. She plans to send an updated version to the Auditor's Office.

Preserve Iowa Summit

This was discussed during the budget discussion in Old Business.

Juneteenth Black Heritage Walking Tour

Stewart said she plans to reprise the walking tour she led in 2023 again on June 16th. She said that she has provided some funds to help co-sponsor the event.

Motion by Neises to authorize Stewart to spend up to \$200 on Juneteenth events, seconded by Baum, and passed unanimously.

Dubuque Historic Preservation Awards

Stewart noted that on May 8 the County and City HPCs would co-host their annual awards event. There are 3 property awardees for the Dubuque County HPC. Commissioners and the public are encouraged to attend at 6:30pm at the Lacy Mansion on Main Street.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the HPC is scheduled for June 27.

The meeting adjourned at 4:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Raber
Planning & Development Director