



Dubuque County Historic Preservation Commission

MINUTES

Dubuque County Historic Preservation Commission
Tuesday, September 12, 2024, 4:00pm 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: After some technology challenges, Chairperson Stewart called the meeting to order via Zoom at 4:20pm 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 July 18, 2024 meeting as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS:

MOA on Olde Worthington Road Bridge Replacement

Raber said that a final version of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is in the meeting packet for approval and authorization for the chair to sign. The MOA was developed by the US Corps of Engineers as a framework agreement between the Corps, SHPO and the County Roads Department where the Corps invited the County Historic Preservation Commission to be an “invited signatory” to the MOA.

Raber said that the MOA for the Olde Worthington Road bridge replacement was discussed in more detail at the HPC at its April meeting. The MOA calls for the County Roads Dept. to develop a “Iowa Historic Property Study” on the bridge and the area as outlined in Appendix B of the MOA.

After some discussion, Vanderah moved to authorize chair RRS Stewart to sign the MOA, seconded by Neises, and passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

FY24 and FY25 HPC Budget

Stewart noted that the FY24 ended June 30. She said that at the end of the fiscal year in June she drove to Mt. Pleasant Iowa to attend the Preserve Iowa conference, noting that she turned in gas receipts for reimbursement but hasn't received payment. She also asked if payments to the HPC Juneteenth partner organizations received their payments. Raber said that he would check on the status of those payments.

Stewart said that annually, the HPC sends payment to the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC), Preservation Iowa, and the National HP Architects.

Cardinal-Hickory Creek 345kV Transmission Line

Stewart said this is a standing item on the agenda but that she is unaware of any updates since earlier this year. Raber noted that a court injunction may have been resolved so that completion of the remaining portion in Clayton County to the Mississippi River are complete and that construction of the river crossing final segment is planned this fall. Stewart said that there hasn't been anything for the HPC to do regarding this project for some time and it could be removed from the agenda as a standing item and only noted when there is a project update.

NEW BUSINESS:**Dubuque Area History Expo**

The event will be Sunday, 1-4pm on October 20 at Steeple Square in Dubuque. Tim Olson and Chris Happ- Olson will be speakers. At the HPC table at the event Stewart indicated they would have laptop showing loops of the past presentations by commission members. Several other commission members will be there but staffing other tables for parts of the time. It was suggested that Raber provide some info about the HPC and applications for HPC application to serve. Raber said he would do that and it was timely because of the County soliciting applications for boards and commissions later this year.

BOARD REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

David Vanderah told the group about two upcoming presentations. One is a Nov. 10 presentation by John Pregler about President Grant. The other is 177 years of St. Johns Church in Dubuque.

Jason Neises note that he was co-leading a Tuesday, Sept. 17 "Building Big" Heritage Works tour at 6pm starting at the Washington Park Gazebo.

"Mid-Century Modern Architecture in Dubuque County"

Patricia Baum presented "Mid-Century Modern Architecture in Dubuque County" on August 14 at the Asbury Library to about 15 attendees and had good engagement.

Baum's other scheduled "Mid-Century Modern" presentation on Sept. 10 was postponed and rescheduled for Sept. 24.

"What Style Is It?"

Jason Neises presented "What Style Is It?" on August 11 at Carnegie Stout Library to about 25 attendees.

Neises has another "What Style Is It?" presentation scheduled for September 15 at the Kennedy Library in Dyersville.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the HPC is scheduled for November 7, 2024.

The meeting adjourned at 5:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Ed Raber
Planning & Development Director