

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

April 1, 2025

A meeting of the Sioux City Historic Preservation Commission was held on this date at 4 p.m. at City Hall, 405 6th Street, 5th Floor, Council Chambers.

1. Call to Order

Schuldt, Staff Liaison, called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. The following members being present on call of the roll: Johnathan Vodochodsky, Amy Macfarlane, Larry Obermeyer, Teresa Hebert, Kathie Pfaffle, and Elizabeth Hope Dooley (Remote). Absent: Ralph Swain (Excused), Adam Fullerton (Excused) and Matt Scott (Excused). Other members of the public present: Ragen Cote (Remote).

2. Approve minutes for March 18, 2025

Pfaffle (Vodochodsky) motioned to approve the minutes from the March 18, 2025, meeting. All present voted aye. (6-0)

3. Old Business

a. Grant Opportunities/Update:

Schuldt stated that he and Obermeyer are currently working on the application for the Historic Resources Development Program, which is due on May 1, 2025.

b. CLG Archaeological Survey Update:

Schuldt mentioned that all requests for comment should have been received back by the National Park Service and is now waiting for them to advance the project.

c. Discuss Ghost Sign Definition:

Schuldt discussed Swain's progress on defining ghost signs. He stated that Swain has been exploring the idea of establishing a definition for ghost signs, as well as a separate definition for historic mural signs.

4. New Business

a. Historic Preservation Week and the State and Federal Historic Tax Credit Lunch and Learn

Macfarlane stated that she has been collaborating with Tom Munson and Schuldt to finalize plans for Historic Preservation Week. Schuldt shared that he had flyers available for distribution today. Pfaffle stated that she will create a spreadsheet to track flyer placement locations. Schuldt stated that he has been working with the State Historic Preservation Office on the Lunch and Learn session. Additionally, Macfarlane noted that she had spoken with Steve Nelson about the Treasure of Sioux City Award.

b. Historic Fourth Street and Pearl Street Design Standards

Schuldt mentioned that the Planning Division will have an intern this summer, and he suggested that this would be a great opportunity to update the Design Standards, which haven't been revised in nearly 30 years. He stated that the aim is to align the updates with the standards with the Secretary of Interior Standards, making them more visually instructive. This approach would help sign companies for example to better understand the expectations of the Historic Preservation Commission and streamline the process for the commission itself.

c. Monthly Financial Report

Schuldt stated that the Historic Preservation Commission currently has 6,409.94 dollars in the main account and 20,000 dollars in the Historic Pearl District account.

5. Committee Reports

a. Website Update

Schuldt stated that Fullerton has posted the schedule for Historic Preservation Week, and that he will send out digital copies of the flyers.

b. Social Media

Schuldt stated there was nothing new on the Facebook and Instagram accounts. Hope Dooley stated that she will work on some reels for the sites for HP Week.

c. Red Tags/Properties of Interest

Schuldt stated that he did not see any properties of interest on the Red Tag list. Schuldt gave an update on 615 Douglas Street.

6. Announcements / Other Business

7. Adjourn

- a. On a motion by Pfaffle (Macfarlane) the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m. All present voted aye. (6-0). The next scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, starting at 4:00 p.m.

Larry Obermeyer, Chair

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Matt Scott, Vice Chair