

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

## MEETING MINUTES

### May 6, 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, Adam Fullerton, and Ralph Swain. Absent: Elizabeth Hope Dooley (Excused), Kathie Pfaffle (Excused) and Matt Scott (Excused).

#### 2. Approve minutes for April 1, 2025

Macfarlane (Vodochodsky) motioned to approve the minutes from the April 1, 2025, meeting. All present voted aye. (6-0)

#### 3. Old Business

##### a. Grant Opportunities/Update:

Schuldt stated that he and Obermeyer submitted the grant application for the Historic Resources Development Program last week, ahead of the May 1, 2025, deadline.

##### b. CLG Archaeological Survey Update:

Schuldt stated that they have received approval from the National Park Service to proceed with their Phase 1A project and plan to send out the request for proposal within the next week or two. He is also working on an extension to the contract from SHPO and IEDA.

##### c. Discuss Ghost Sign Definition:

Swain stated that he has been exploring the idea of defining ghost signs separately from historic mural signs. There was a brief discussion about the mural at the Red Room Lounge on West 7th Street.

#### 4. New Business

##### a. Historic Preservation Week

Macfarlane expressed excitement for the upcoming events during Historic Preservation Week. She stated that everything is arranged for the Treasure of Sioux City Award and Steve Nelson's event on Friday.

##### b. 413-417 Pierce Street Montgomery Ward Building National Register Nomination

Schuldt reviewed the National Register Nomination and noted that it was posted in the lobby of City Hall, the Planning Office, and the Downtown and Morningside branches of the Sioux City Public Library. The State National Register Nominations Review Committee public hearing is scheduled for June 13, 2025.

The commission discussed the merits of the nomination and agreed that the building meets the criteria for placement on the National Register. Macfarlane (Vodochodsky) motioned to approve the National Register Nomination for the Montgomery Ward Building at 413-417 Pierce Street. The motion passed unanimously, with all present voting aye (6-0).

##### c. Summer History Project

Vodochodsky expressed interest in creating an interactive history map that would be available online. He mentioned that he already has much of the necessary information and would just need to upload it. Fullerton noted that he has experience with this, having previously worked on the Iowa Historic App, which is no longer functional. He advised caution when relying on a platform that is not under one's control. Vodochodsky stated that he would conduct further research and report back.

##### d. Monthly Financial Report

Schuldt stated that he forgot to check the account but would have the amount ready next month.

5. **Committee Reports**

a. **Website Update**

Fullerton stated that he has posted the schedule for Historic Preservation Week. He also encouraged anyone who has additional items to be posted on the website let him know.

b. **Social Media**

Schuldt stated that the group has posted all the events for Historic Preservation Week and is close to reaching 2,400 likes on Facebook.

c. **Red Tags/Properties of Interest**

Schuldt mentioned that there are a couple of properties of interest on the Red Tag list that could impact their neighborhood and provided an update on 615 Douglas Street.

6. **Announcements/Other Business**

7. **Adjourn**

- a. On a motion by Vodochodsky (Fullerton) the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m. All present voted aye. (6-0). The next scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, starting at 4:00 p.m.

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Larry Obermeyer, Chair

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Matt Scott, Vice Chair