

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

October 7, 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 4:00 p.m. The following members being present on call of the roll: Matt Scott, Adam Fullerton, Ralph Swain, Larry Obermeyer, Johnathan Vodochodsky, Teresa Hebert, Kathie Pfaffle (Remote), and Jack Walsh. Absent: Amy Macfarlane (Excused) and Teresa Hebert (Excused).

2. Approve minutes for September 16, 2025

Vodochodsky (Scott) motioned to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2025, meeting. All present voted aye. (7-0)

3. Old Business

a. Grant Opportunities/Update:

Schuldt said the Commission will plan to apply for the CLG grant cycle later this year, once the application window opens, which is contingent on funding from the National Park Service.

b. CLG Archaeological Survey Update:

Schuldt stated that staff is terminating the grant because of results of the comment and consultation period for the project and has been collaborating with both the National Park Service and the State Historic Preservation Office.

c. Discuss Ghost Sign Definition:

Schuldt stated that he and Scott had a conversation with Avery Brothers regarding the original painting dates of several ghost signs. The practice was discontinued following the adoption of the 1976 Municipal Code, and no new signs have been painted since. They discussed dividing responsibilities to create an inventory of the ghost signs and evaluate their current locations. Schuldt has a text amendment prepared to aid in the restoration of the ghost signs and tile entrances that would allow for a path to address the restoration of the ghost signs.

d. Rose Hill Letters:

Schuldt state that staff sent out letters to all the Rose Hill property owners and has talked to 15 of the residents in the neighborhood.

4. New Business

a. Historic Pearl District Funding and Expansion

Schuldt stated that the Economic Development Department has funds available to support the creation of historic districts and the listing of properties on the National Register of Historic Places. They encouraged the Commission to consider expanding the proposed Historic Pearl District, suggesting it be reshaped into a more uniform rectangle and extended a few blocks north. Schuldt stated that he is trying to setup a meeting with the State Historic Preservation Office on the best way to proceed forward.

b. 2026 Work Plan

Schuldt went over the 2025 Work Plan and asked if anyone had any additions or subtractions from the work plan for the upcoming year.

c. Monthly Financial Report

Schuldt stated that the Commission has \$6,596.00 in the main account and \$20,000 in the Historic Pearl District account.

5. Committee Reports

a. Website Update

Fullerton stated that he had updated the website recently and everything was good on his end.

b. Social Media

Schuldt stated that the Facebook page is continuing to grow and is over 2,600 likes.

c. Red Tags/Properties of Interest

Schuldt went through the Red Tag list with nothing noteworthy.

6. Announcements / Other Business

a. Volunteer Reception

Schuldt stated that the annual volunteer reception is on October 9, 2025.

b. Tour Ideas

Vodochodsky stated that he had invited representatives from the City of Sioux Fall Historic Preservation Commission to come and talk about their current and past projects.

7. Adjourn

- a. On a motion by Fullerton (Vodochodsky) the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m. All present voted aye. (7-0). The next meeting scheduled will be on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, starting at 4:00 p.m.

Larry Obermeyer, Chair

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Matt Scott, Vice Chair