

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

## MEETING MINUTES

### January 6, 2026

A meeting of the Sioux City Historic Preservation Commission was held on this date at 4:00 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: Larry Obermeyer, Matt Scott, Ralph Swain, Johnathan Vodochodsky, Teresa Hebert, Kathie Pfaffle, Amy Macfarlane, Adam Fullerton, and Jack Walsh. Others present Ragen Cote.

#### 2. Approve minutes for December 2, 2025

Vodochodsky (Hebert) motioned to approve the minutes from the December 2, 2025, meeting. All present voted aye. (9-0)

#### 3. Old Business

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

Schuldt said he has not heard when the CLG grant cycle is opening yet, which is contingent on funding from the National Park Service.

##### b. Discuss Ghost Sign Definition:

Schuldt stated that he has prepared a text amendment to support the restoration of ghost signs and tile entrances, providing a framework to guide this process. The Commission discussed that this item will go to the Joint Meeting in February.

##### c. Local Landmark Municipal Code Update:

Schuldt stated that staff would include this item with the Ghost Signs.

##### d. Joint City Council Meeting:

Schuldt stated that he will have the two Municipal Code updates ready to present to the City Council. He also brought up the topic of vacant building registration, prompting significant discussion about what such a program would entail. Pfaffle expressed concern about whether houses and buildings that are for sale but currently vacant would fall under this program. Schuldt noted that in recent years many other cities have adopted vacant building registration programs, and they have reported success because the programs help obtain accurate contact information and ensure that vacant buildings are properly secured. The Commission discussed bringing up a fine process for painting brick if time allowed.

#### 4. New Business

##### a. Historic Pearl District RFP

Schuldt reported that he sent out an RFP for the Historic Pearl District Nomination and received six proposals back from the following: Historical Link LLC, Office of the State Archaeologist, Stantec, RDG, Tallgrass Archaeology, and Post Oak Preservation Solutions. The Commission decided that Obermeyer, Scott, and Cote meet and decide on which consultant to move forward with.

##### b. Monthly Financial Report

Schuldt stated that the Commission has \$6,350.98 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. Schuldt stated that the City is in the process of updating their website to be compliant with the new ADA laws and that this may need to include the Historic Preservation Commission website that has been managed by the Commission for 20-30 years. Schuldt stated that he will know more in the next month or two.

### **b. Social Media**

Schuldt stated that the Facebook page continues to grow, now surpassing 2,800 likes.

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

Schuldt went through the Red Tag list with nothing noteworthy.

## **6. Announcements / Other Business**

### **a. Joint City Council Meeting**

Schuldt stated that the Joint City Council meeting is on February 3, 2026. The Commission stated that they want Milwaukee Wiener for lunch that day.

### **b. Sioux City Railroad Museum Press Conference January 22, 2026**

Obermeyer stated that the Sioux City Railroad Museum is having a press conference on January 22, 2026, at 3:30 pm and that the Commission is invited to attend.

## **7. Adjourn**

- a. On a motion by Pfaffle (Macfarlane) the meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m. All present voted aye. (9-0). The next meeting scheduled will be on Tuesday, February 2, 2026, starting at 12:00 p.m.

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Larry Obermeyer, Chair

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Matt Scott, Vice Chair