



Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Agenda

Monday, December 2, 2024 - 3:00 PM

City Offices (Building 18, Legacy Plaza) - Large Conference Room
403 W 4th St N, Suite 501
Newton, IA 50208

- I. Roll Call
- II. Review of Minutes of Previous Meeting:
 - 1. Review of Minutes of previous meeting 11.04.2024
- III. Items from City Staff
 - 1. Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibit
- IV. Items from Commssioners
- V. Items from Citizens
- VI. Communications form the SHPO, IEDA, Dept of Cultural Affairs, or any other entity with information relating to historic preservation.
- VII. Adjourn

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Chair: Larry Hurto; **Members:** Tanya Michener, Rita Reinheimer, Toni Peska, Kelly Bennett

Meeting Minutes

NEWTON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Community Development/Community Services/Public Works
Large Conference Room
303 West 4th Street North, Suite 501
Newton, IA 50208

Date: November 04, 2024

Time: 3:00 pm

Meeting called to order by: Chair Hurto

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Hurto, Reinheimer, Peska, Michener

Staff and Others Present: Varsha Borde – City Planner
Leigha Bailey – Recreation Specialist
Council Member – Randy Ervin

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Chair Larry Hurto questioned if there was anyone present that may require special assistance in being able to participate in this public meeting. There was no response.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motioned by Peska; 2nd by Reinheimer. Approved with corrections 4-0 VV

CERTIFICATION OF IOWA OPEN MEETINGS LAW

Borde confirms.

Hurto introduced new staff person Leigh Bailey, Recreation Specialist.

ITEMS FROM CITY STAFF

1. Borde shared exhibition posters created by Danielle Rogers (Marketing Specialist)
2. Discussion on advertising the Smithsonian exhibition to the public – posters, full page advertisement in Jasper County magazine, Newton Daily News will give attention to the event and time on the local Newton radio. Peska will reach out to Randy Van Roekel at the Newton radio. Randy is a former NDN staffer. Reinheimer asked if we could get on the Des Moines Chamber of Commerce radio morning show for a soft opening. Craig knows KCLG staffers Sara and Joe. Discussion on cross promotion at other events.

3. Bailey shared that local schools did not seem to be interested in field trips to the exhibition. She will reach out to middle schools before winter break on December 18th. She is also reaching out to Dale Michales to check high school interest. Phyllis from the library is interested to bring preschoolers and home-schoolers to the event.
4. Peska asked if we could get funding for busing. Can we try to get DMACC and West Academy students to the exhibition? Also talented and gifted students?
5. Discussion on providing shuttles from other events.
6. Reinheimer asked if we could get senior citizens to the display.
7. Discussed space and timing of setup, contacting other towns Colfax, Baxter, Sully through newspapers. Building 20 locks automatically. Check with Kim Didier on borrowing old Maytag appliances for the exhibition. Hurto shared that Jasper County Museum was willing to share a few items that could be displayed on a table near the wall. Reinheimer suggested borrowing display cases from County fairgrounds to hold the JC items.

ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Michener – requested Jake Christensen that Ken Barthelam, former Commissioner and Museum Director be paid homage by having his name added to the wall mural at Legacy apartments.

Reinheimer –

- Shared that heating for the Court House was from an underground heating plant a block away and heat was pumped through underground tunnel. On May 2nd 1935, smoke from the plant went up to the courthouse.
- Shared a newspaper article/advertisement from August 10, 1957 on DC sports across ELK's club, (now RT's deli)
- Ty Rushing, former NDN journalist is now an Assistant Professor of Journalism practice at UIOWA.

Hurto –

Larry's HPC Report — November 4, 2024

1. *On October 14, Phyllis Peter, on the Newton Public Library staff, handed me some material re: the U. S. Semiquincentennial in 2026. I'll pass those materials around and ask that they be filed in our file here in the City offices.*
2. *On October 15, Community Development Director Chambers and I met with the Jasper County Historical Society's board of directors asking for their assistance in helping to promote "Spark!," the Smithsonian Institution display that we'll be hosting here in Newton starting December 14. We will be setting up in Legacy Plaza, Bldg. 20.*
3. *We did get the JCHS board's approval to lend us assistance with the loan of some local artifacts/photos to be put on display in connection with the Smithsonian exhibit. Museum Executive Director Lynne Whelan and I met with Recreation Specialist Leigha Bailey, of the Parks & Recreation Department, over at Bldg. 20 of Legacy Plaza on October 21 to get the lay of the land. I don't want to step on Leigha's time, so will only say that I've been working on generating some historical material, locating photos, etc. to enhance the display locally, as has Ms. Whelan. I've also been asked to do a Lunch & Learn during the time we are hosting the display.*
4. *I participated in the specialized training in the accreditation meeting on updated standards and best practices for community development with Jonathan Stone, Program Officer for Revitalization Services with Main Street America. He met with us at Legacy Plaza on October 24, to evaluate and help strengthen our Main Street program. Commissioner Peska, City Planner Borde, Executive Director Yeager, Mayor George, City Councilor Dalton, among others, also participated. I'll let Erin Yeager tell you more.*

5. On October 29, Museum Director Whelan and I met with Commissioner Peska to peruse the Museum's collections pertaining to First Presbyterian Church. As I reported in August, the present church edifice is 100 years old, and they celebrated that milestone on Sunday, November 3. Toni was able to borrow some photos and other materials for display at the church's celebration. I was pleased to be invited by Toni to attend the celebration as I wrote the site Inventory that landed the church on the National Register of Historic Places as part of our Historic Downtown District. A very nice celebration, very well done.

6. Yesterday Tom Weeks told me we may have lost H. A. Lynn Stadium.

Peska bought a coloring book for – and paid \$10. Borde passed on the \$10 to Chambers.

ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

Council member Randy Ervin – talked about H. A. Lynn Stadium built in 1941 and being one of nine stadiums in the Country.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE AND/OR DEPT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS.

ADJOURNMENT

Motioned by Michener (in absentia), 2nd by Reinheimer, Approved 3.0 by VV. 4:12 pm

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Larry Ray Hurto

Chair

Newton Historic Preservation Commission

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From: Iowa Economic Development Authority <communications@email.iowaeda.com>

To: "larrythekid@ymail.com" <larrythekid@ymail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 09:05:59 AM CST

Subject: 2025 Preserve Iowa Summit Call for Presenters



APPLY NOW to speak at Preserve Iowa Summit!

We're still looking for presenters to share successes, ideas or expertise that will help or inspire others at the 2025 Preserve Iowa Summit. This is the state's premier conference for historic preservation professionals and volunteers.

Speakers receive FREE REGISTRATION to the 2.5-day summit.

Tell us about your topic idea, which could be related to adaptive reuse, cultural landscapes, the recent past, preservation, sustainability, advocacy, establishing a nonprofit, archaeology, historic craftsmanship or downtown/historic district development.

Proposals are due December 16.

The 2025 summit — June 5-7 in Muscatine — is presented by the Iowa Economic Development Authority's State Historic Preservation Office, the Muscatine Historic Preservation Commission and the City of Muscatine.

[Submit a Proposal](#)

Session details

A full breakout session is one hour and 10 minutes (plus a recommended 20 minutes for questions). Or, an individual presentation of 20 minutes can be combined with others speaking on related topics, to fill a time block.

Selected presenters will be notified in January and audio-visual and facility needs confirmed. Costs to prepare and deliver the proposed session are solely the applicant's responsibility.

Free registration

Presenters will receive complimentary event registration. Upon request, additional compensation may include: one night's lodging at the approved conference rate and reimbursement for mileage and meal costs incurred on the day of the presentation.

About Preserve Iowa Summit

This year's conference highlights historic preservation successes in the Muscatine area. General sessions, concurrent breakout sessions and hands-on educational training are planned throughout. Attendees also can access mobile workshops, network and explore the exhibit hall.

Questions?

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To: "larrythekid@ymail.com" <larrythekid@ymail.com>

Sent: Monday, November 18, 2024 at 03:47:44 PM CST

Subject: Join Us This Giving Tuesday 🌐



YEAR-END CAMPAIGN



STATE HISTORICAL
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#GivingTuesday

We're 15 days from the biggest day to give back in 2024. Our year-end campaign is kicking off, and we encourage you to think of the State Historical Society of Iowa on Giving Tuesday. Your donation, large or small, can go a long way!

For example, the State Historical Museum of Iowa uses 300 light bulbs yearly at the cost of \$2.10 per bulb. Your gift of \$21 will help us buy 10 lightbulbs...that's a bright idea! Simply use the link below to make a donation today. Thank you! You're "watts" happening!

[DONATE TO OUR ANNUAL FUND](#)

Contributions will be accepted by the Iowa Historical Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to support the State Historical Society of Iowa, which is part of the Iowa Department of Administrative Services.



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Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 08:16:03 AM CST

Subject: Iowa Historian

The logo for the Iowa Historian newsletter. It features the word "IOWA" in blue and "HISTORIAN" in green. The letter "O" in "IOWA" is stylized with a yellow sun and a green path. Below the main title, the text "NEWSLETTER OF THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA" is written in blue.

IOWA HISTORIAN
NEWSLETTER OF THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA



Media & the Press Panel



The poster for the "Panel Discussion: Media & the Press" event features a dark blue background with a faint architectural pattern. On the left, six circular headshots of the panelists are arranged in a 3x2 grid. To the right, the event title "PANEL DISCUSSION MEDIA & THE PRESS" is prominently displayed in white. Below the title, the date and time "THU. NOV. 14 6:00 - 7:00 PM" are shown next to a calendar icon, and the location "AUDITORIUM STATE HISTORICAL BUILDING" is shown next to a location pin icon. A quote from the National Endowment for the Humanities is featured in a light blue box, and a QR code is in the bottom right corner.

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

PANEL DISCUSSION MEDIA & THE PRESS

THU. NOV. 14
6:00 - 7:00 PM

AUDITORIUM
STATE HISTORICAL BUILDING

Join us for an evening of discussion on the crucial role media and the press have played—and continue to play—in shaping civic engagement and public discourse.

Registration requests not required to attend

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LA PRENSA

DAVE PRICE
GRAY'S MEDIA

Join us on November 14th as long-time *Des Moines Register* political writer, editor, and columnist David Yepsen moderates a discussion with five Iowa journalists on the crucial role media and the press have played—and continue to play—in shaping civic engagement and public discourse. The panel includes:

- **Dana James**, an award-winning writer and founder of *Black Iowa News*, the *Black Iowa Newspaper*, and host of the *Inside Black Iowa* podcast.
- **Ty Rushing**, a journalism professor at the University of Iowa and former chief political correspondent for *Iowa Starting Line*.
- **Dave Price**, an Edward R. Murrow Award and national Emmy Award winning political journalist who is the Iowa Political Director for Gray's Media Iowa television stations.
- **Lorena López**, founder of *La Prensa*, a Spanish-language newspaper serving western Iowa. Lopez is a frequent source on politics for national news outlets.

- **Rachelle Chase**, a published author and columnist who has written for *National Geographic* and local news outlets and founded the non-profit, Uniting Through History.

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Religion & Politics Panel



The poster features a dark blue background with a faint architectural pattern. At the top right is the logo for the National Endowment for the Humanities. The main title 'PANEL DISCUSSION RELIGION & POLITICS' is in large white letters. Below the title, the date and time 'SAT. NOV. 16 2:00 - 3:00 PM' are shown next to a calendar icon, and the location 'AUDITORIUM STATE HISTORICAL BUILDING' is shown next to a location pin icon. A QR code is in the bottom right corner. A text box at the bottom left contains a description of the event. Four portraits of the panelists are arranged in a 2x2 grid on the left side.

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MODERATOR

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**PANEL DISCUSSION
RELIGION & POLITICS**

**SAT. NOV. 16
2:00 - 3:00 PM**

**AUDITORIUM
STATE HISTORICAL BUILDING**

Join us for a discussion amongst university scholars exploring the intersections of religion and politics in United States and Iowa history.

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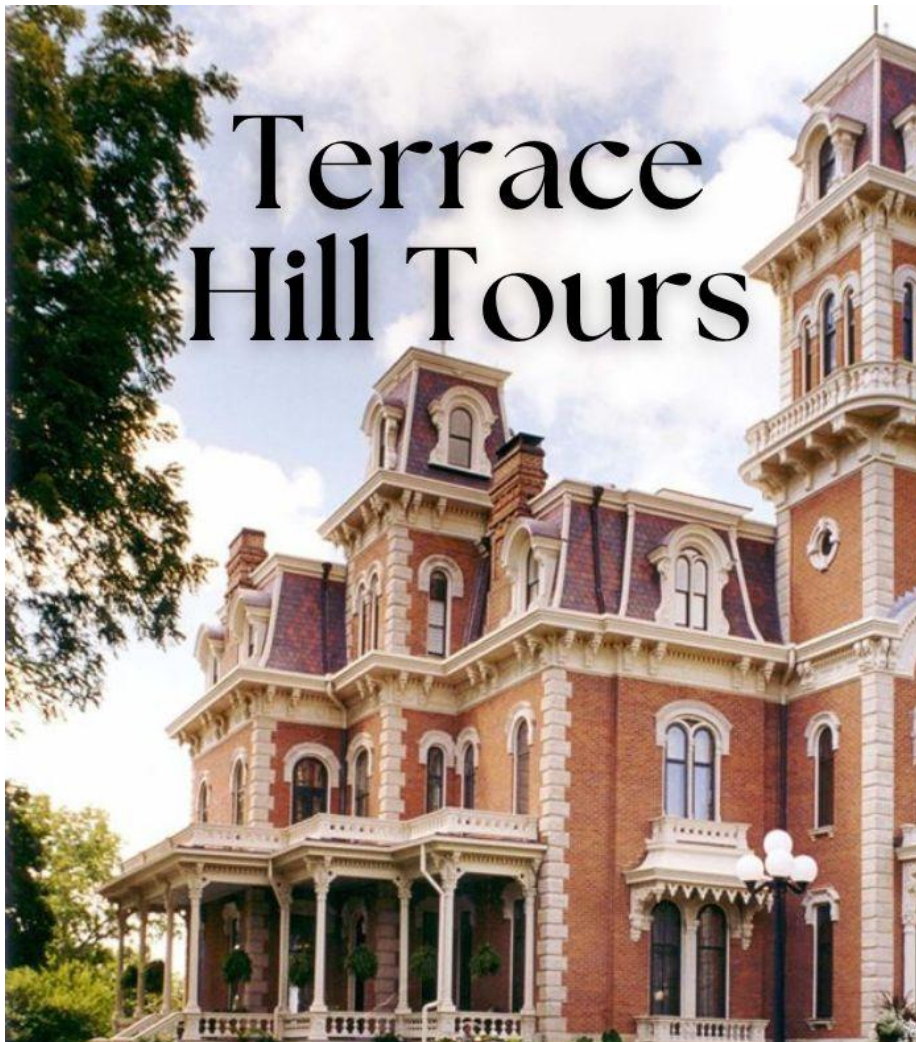
Our week of civics conversations concludes on November 16th, with a discussion on religion and politics moderated by *Annals of Iowa* editor, Dr. Andrew Klumpp. Panelists include local university scholars:

- **Dr. Michael Graziano**, assistant professor of religion and director of the Institute for Religion and Education at the University of Northern Iowa.

- **Dr. Sarah Dees**, assistant professor in the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies at Iowa State University who studies American and Indigenous Religions.
- **Dr. Jeffrey Wheatley**, a teacher and researcher at Iowa State University who studies religion, culture, and politics of the United States.

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Terrace Hill Holiday Tour



Terrace Hill Tours

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Register to join the State Historical Museum of Iowa for a free guided tour of the historic Terrace Hill mansion on Saturday, December 7. Enjoy the beautiful holiday decorations and learn about the house's important history during a guided tour of the historic home. This magnificent historic home serves as the official governor's residence of Iowa and stands as a National Historic

Landmark

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Two tours
will be
offered on
December
7

- [10:30 a.m. for families](#)
- [12:00 p.m. for adults](#)



Spring Internship Opportunities

Are you interested in a career in museums? An internship with the State Historical Society of Iowa is a great way to build your resume and gain real-world experience within the fields of history and museums.



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Iowa History 101 programs

Be sure to register for the upcoming Iowa History 101 programs. Each one is recorded and made [available online](#). Visit [Iowa History 101](#) for more information.



[On the Court: The History of Iowa High School Girls' Basketball](#)

November 14, Noon

Young women have been playing basketball in Iowa for more than 125 years. What began as community games in the 1890s became a feature of Iowa life every winter as Iowa high school women competed for the state championship. Join State Curator Leo Landis as he gives an overview of Iowa high school girls' basketball from its origin to the end of the 6-on-6 era in 1993.

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[An Overview of Iowa Counties](#)

December 12, Noon

In honor of statehood day on December 28, State Curator Leo Landis will explore the history of some of Iowa's counties. He will provide an overview of shifting boundaries and names, and answer why we have 99 counties but might have had 100.

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