

# Meeting Minutes

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

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Date: January 06, 2025

Time: 3:02 pm

Meeting called to order by: Chair Hurto

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## ROLL CALL

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| Board Members Present:    | Hurto, Ranard, Peska, Reinheimer                                                                                                                                      |
| Board Members Absent:     | Bennett                                                                                                                                                               |
| Staff and Others Present: | Erin Chambers – Community Development Director<br>Varsha Borde – City Planner<br>Mark Hallam - Council Member (joined at 3:09 PM)<br>Erin Yeager – Newton Main Street |

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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.

Wes Ranard introduced himself followed by a round table introductions. Chair Hurto recognized Tanya Michener's service to the Historic Preservation Commission and Newton Main St. Hurto then recognized Council person Randy Ervin, and noted that Council member Mark Hallam has been assigned to the HPC for 2025.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motioned by Peska; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Reinheimer. Approved with corrections 4-0 VV

## CERTIFICATION OF IOWA OPEN MEETINGS LAW

Borde confirms.

## ITEMS FROM CITY STAFF

1. Staff shared that the SPARK Exhibit opened on the December 30<sup>th</sup>, would be open until January 30<sup>th</sup>. There were 9 visitors so far. Peska enquired regarding volunteer duties. Discussion ensued on the doors locking after the exhibit closed for the day, kids coloring activities, talk at Gezellig's on the exhibit and other publicity such as adding a slideshow on the City cable.

**ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Peska – none.

Ranard – none.

Reinheimer talked about the History 101 sessions that are offered twice a month. And shared that she had attended one.

There was discussion on the End-of-Year report regarding attending the History 101 sessions by the commissioners. This information would be added to the report.

Hurto – Larry's HPC Report attached.

**ITEMS FROM CITIZENS**

Newton Main St. Director Erin Yeager – provided updates on Main Street and the winter market cancellation due to weather.

A decision was made to elect officers and discuss the end-of year report at the next meeting.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motioned by Peska, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ranard, Approved 4.0 by VV. 3:58 pm