



Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Agenda
September 13, 2021
1:00 PM

Community Development/Community Services/Public Works Large Conference Room
403 West 4th Street North
Suite 501
Newton, Iowa 50208

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of the Agenda

- IV. Certification of Iowa Open Meetings Law
- V. Approval of the Previous Meeting of August 2, 2021
- VI. Items from City Staff
 - a. First Avenue East and West District Certificate
- VII. Items from the Commission
 - a. Individual Reports (All Commissioners)
- VIII. Items from Citizens
- IX. Communications from State Historic Preservation Office- ATTACHMENT
- X. Adjournment

Larry Hurto, Chair
Tanya Michener

Historic Preservation Commissioners:
Mary Jo Niskin, Vice Chair
Mike Sell

Rita Reinheimer

Minutes of Meeting
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August 2, 2021

ROLL CALL:

Board members present:	Hurto, Michener, Reinheimer
Board members absent:	Niskin
Staff Present:	Erin Chambers, Director of Community Development
Others:	Erin Yeager, Newton Main Street Mark Hallam, Newton City Council Mike Sell

Chair Hurto called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM.

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 the Agenda. Motion by Michener, **seconded** by Reinheimer to approve agenda for the current meeting. Voice Vote: 3-0, approved.

Certification of Iowa Open Meetings Law: Chambers confirms.

Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2021. Motion by Reinheimer, **seconded** by Michener, to approve the minutes, Approved, 3-0.

Items from City Staff.

- a. **Introduction of Guest.** Chambers introduced Mike Sell and stated that Mike was considering taking the vacancy position on the board. Mike Sell shared some information about himself. Commissioners welcomed him to the meeting.

Items from the Commission.

- a. **Draft Letter to First Avenue East/West Historic Residential District Property Owners (Hurto).** The agenda packet included an attachment (draft letter). As discussion about adding a sentence about the role of the commission. Chambers suggested the following to be added to the letter:

"The Newton Historic Preservation Commission is a resource for you on rehabilitation, restoration, or repair of your home now or in the future. For more information contact the Community Development Office at 641-792-6622."

Commissioners agreed they liked the inclusion of the language. There was discussion about a certificate to go with the letter. Chambers will have Community Marketing Manager Rogers create something for the commission's review.

Reinheimer suggested changing "in" to "on", first word, second line of the body of the letter. Correction noted. **Motion** by Hurto, **seconded** by Michener to approve the amended letter, Approved, 3-0.

- b. **Historic Photo Books (Reinheimer).** On behalf of Commissioner Niskin, Reinheimer presented a book from Newport, RI showcasing historic properties in that community. Reinheimer read a letter from Niskin aloud. It was discussed whether or not the commission would like to do something similar to the Newport, RI book. Hurto stated he was not opposed to the idea but noted many historic books already created. Chambers suggested the commission consider this as a future student or intern project. The Commission determined no action at this time.
 - c. **Downtown Plaques (Michener).** Michener reviewed the project for those in attendance. The Commission discussed the number of words needed per write-up. Commissioners will coordinate outside of regular meeting time to work on the write-ups.
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- d. **Individual Reports.**
 - a. Michener. Michener reported on the Newton main Street Maps.
 - b. Reinheimer. Reinheimer asked about the third printing of the coloring books. Staff responded that is paused until a few more of the previous printing sell.
 - c. Hurto. Hurto noted the July 27, 2021 visit by Iowa Economic Development Authority to Newton.

Items from the Citizens. Erin Yeager, Newton Main Street, reported that IEDA Director Debi Durham visited Newton. Yeager is attending the Downtown Conference located in Iowa City. Yeager also reported on the Newton Christmas Ornament design.

Mark Hallam reported that he has attended the Farmer's Market and sat at a "City" booth.

Mike Sell also commented on the vising by IEDA. He stated that he is very busy in his store (Farmhouse Creations) even though the "new" has worn off. He reported that they are extending Thursday hours to 7 pm.

Communications from State Historic Preservation Office. Communications from State Historic Preservation Office were included as an attachment to the agenda packet. One more communication was received since the packet was prepared. Hurto shared the following:

- 7/30/2021 Email: CAMP Workshop, \$45 registration fee, 10/2/2021

Adjournment. **Motion** by Michener to adjourn the meeting and **seconded** by Reinheimer. Voice vote, approved 3-0. Meeting was adjourned at 1:59 pm.

Attachment 1 (the following pages)

Erin Chambers

Communications from SHPO

From: Iowa Cultural Affairs <StateOfIowa@public.govdelivery.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 2:03 PM
To: Erin Chambers
Subject: Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs announces three new grant programs

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IOWA DEPARTMENT OF
CULTURAL AFFAIRS

IOWA ARTS COUNCIL PRODUCE IOWA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

Chris Kramer, Director

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Sept. 1, 2021

Contact: Jeff Morgan, 515-281-3858, jeff.morgan@iowa.gov

Note: [Photos are available online.](#)

Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs announces three new grant programs

*Funding comes from the American Rescue Plan and
new support for the humanities*

DES MOINES – The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs has announced three new funding opportunities to help put the state's arts, culture, history and creative sectors back to work and to launch innovative programs in the humanities.

In total, the department has received nearly \$2.4 million through its partnerships with two federal agencies, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), and federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act, which was enacted in March. American Rescue Plan Arts Grants are intended to reinvigorate arts and culture in communities across the state by supporting jobs and putting Iowa's creative sector back to work.

Funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities follows the federal agency's decision last year to recognize the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs as the state's interim Iowa Humanities Council.

“These grants will focus on rebuilding the capacity of creative businesses at a time when many artists, cultural organizations and communities are working to fully rebound,” Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs Director Chris Kramer said. “This investment will be a catalyst for rehiring jobs in the creative workforce and for more participation in arts and cultural experiences.”

In a typical year, more than 42,000 Iowans work in more than 5,000 arts, cultural and creative businesses across the state. After layoffs in 2020 triggered by closures and event cancellations due to the pandemic, the arts, history and cultural sector is still working to recover.

The department and its divisions – the State Historical Society, State Historic Preservation Office, the interim Iowa Humanities Council, Iowa Arts Council, and Produce Iowa: State Office of Media Production – will administer the new grants announced today.

- **American Rescue Plan Arts Grants** range from \$500 to \$20,000 and are designed to reinvigorate arts and culture by supporting jobs and putting Iowa’s creative sector back to work in communities across the state. The grants are supported by funding from the NEA through the American Rescue Plan. *Grant applications are due online Oct. 1.*

Two webinars will be offered to help applicants through the application process. One, for individual artists, is set for [2 p.m. Sept. 7](#). The other, for arts organizations, is set for [2 p.m. Sept. 8](#).

- **American Rescue Plan Humanities Grants** range from \$2,500 to \$20,000 and are designed to help Iowa’s humanities sector respond to the coronavirus pandemic by supporting jobs and adapting programs. The grants are supported by funding from the NEH through the American Rescue Plan. *Grant applications are due online Oct. 1.*

A webinar for applicants is set for [2 p.m. Sept. 9](#).

- **Humanities Project Grants** range from \$1,000 to \$20,000 to support public humanities projects that encourage contemplation, spark conversation and engage the public. Eligible projects will use the humanities to involve and benefit Iowans through innovative programs. The grants are supported by the NEH through a state partnership award. *Grant*

applications are due online Nov. 1.

A webinar for applicants is set for [2 p.m. Sept. 15](#).

Details about webinars, office hours and the grants themselves are available online at iowaculture.gov/about-us/about/grants.

These new funding programs are the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs' latest efforts to help Iowans develop culturally vibrant communities by supporting education in the arts, social studies and Iowa history; building the skills of Iowa's arts, heritage and cultural leaders; and helping communities across the state become more attractive places to work, live and raise a family.

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The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs and its divisions – the State Historical Society of Iowa, including the State Historic Preservation Office; the Iowa Arts Council; and Produce Iowa, the state office of media production – empower Iowans to build and sustain culturally vibrant communities by connecting to the people, places and points of pride that define our state. The department promotes creativity as a catalyst for innovation, empowers Iowans to preserve history, and shares the stories of Iowa through humanities and culture to connect past, present and future generations. iowaculture.gov

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Erin Chambers

From: Vander Molen, Kristen <kristen.vandermolen@iowa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 1:25 PM
To: Kristen Vander Molen
Subject: Re: Register for CAMP (Commission Assistance and Mentoring Program) in Benton County!

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Please disregard this earlier mailing.

We just received word from NAPC that they are moving to a virtual format for CAMP Workshops. The October 2nd workshop has been postponed until further notice. More details will be shared when they are available.

Sorry for any inconvenience that this has caused.

On Wed, Sep 8, 2021 at 10:08 AM Vander Molen, Kristen <kristen.vandermolen@iowa.gov> wrote:

You are receiving this as the chair or the staff contact for your Certified Local Government/Historic Preservation Commission. Please forward this email to your full commission. Thank you!

Registration is Open! The workshop will be held October 2, 2021 in Van Horne. This is a great training opportunity for your Historic Preservation Commission.

See attached agenda

NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF PRESERVATION COMMISSIONS



OCTOBER 2, 2021

VAN HORNE COMMUNITY CENTER

508 1ST Ave. Van Horne, IA 52346

9:00 am to 4:30 pm

\$45.00 registration fee

Includes all sessions, lunch and snacks

Please register through [tickettailor.com](https://www.tickettailor.com)

<https://buytickets.at/bentoncountyhistoricpreservationcommission>

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Questions? Historicpres@bentoncountvia.gov (319) 436-0446

The activity that is the subject of this project has been financed in part with Federal funds from the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior

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