



Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Agenda

Monday, April 6, 2026 - 3:00 PM

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

- I. Roll Call
- II. Review of Minutes of Previous Meeting: 3.2.2026
- III. Items from City Staff
- IV. Items from Commissioners
- V. Items from Citizens
- VI. Communications from 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:** Wes Ranard, 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: March 02, 2026

Time: 3:00 pm

Meeting called to order by: Chair Hurto

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Hurto, Reinheimer, Ranard, Bennett

Board Members Absent: Peska

Staff and Others Present: Varsha Borde – Sr. City Planner
Nicholas Alexander – City Planner
Mark Hallam – Council member

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

Motion by Reinheimer to approve minutes; **Seconded by** Ranard. **Approved** with minor grammatical corrections by VV (4-0)

CERTIFICATION OF IOWA OPEN MEETINGS LAW

Borde confirms.

ITEMS FROM CITY STAFF

- Sr. City Planner Varsha Borde let the Board know the following-
 - a. The Annual report has been submitted,
 - b. Maytag Plant 1 has been recommended for approval by the SNRC with some technical revisions.
 - c. Borde enquired if any commissioners were planning to attend the Preserve Iowa Summit.

ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- Ranard – None
- Bennett – is looking forward to Downtown Dreams
- Reinheimer –Inquired about ownership of Maytag buildings.
- Hurto – Larry’s HPC Report – March 2, 2026
 1. Former Newton resident Richard Hegwood, of Naperville, IL, emailed me on February 14 asking about the Joy Apartments and where they were located. The 1939 City Directory has them at 701 N. 2nd Ave. E.
 2. I presented our annual report to the Newton City Council on February 16.
 3. We’re planning to have 100% HPC participation in Downtown Dreams on March 6.

ITEMS FROM CITIZENS –

- Council member Mark Hallam mentioned that Bungalow Court was built in 1926 as a new home. City widening was not approved by CC at that time.

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

Was emailed prior to the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motioned by Bennett, **Seconded by** Reinheimer, **Approved** 4-0 by VV. Adjourned at 3:25 pm.

Varsha Borde

From: Iowa Economic Development Authority <allison.archambo@email.iowaeda.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2026 10:16 AM
To: Varsha Borde
Subject: 2026 CLG March Update

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Dear Partners in Preservation,

Registration is now open for the [Preserve Iowa Summit](#), the premier conference for professional and volunteer preservationists in Iowa. Certified Local Government members receive \$100 off full registration — use code **2026CLG** at checkout. The summit is hosted by the Iowa Economic Development Authority's [State Historic Preservation Office](#). View [the agenda](#) for June 2–3 in Ankeny.

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Nominate a standout preservation project

Preservation Iowa is accepting nominations for its annual [Preservation at Its Best Awards](#), often called the Oscars of Iowa's historic preservation community. The awards recognize exceptional work, from residential and commercial rehabs to adaptive reuse, public improvements, sustainability initiatives and rural preservation. Winners will be announced at the [Preserve Iowa Summit](#) on June 2. There is no fee to nominate.

[Submit a Nomination](#)

Join Preservation Iowa to stay connected statewide

Become a member of [Preservation Iowa](#) — a statewide nonprofit dedicated to historic preservation — to stay connected to preservation efforts across the state. Members receive event updates, a quarterly newsletter and discounts on workshops and the [Preserve Iowa Summit](#). Your support helps fund advocacy, education and programs that protect Iowa's historic resources.

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Small-town preservation grants now open

The National Trust for Historic Preservation's [Hart Family Fund for Small Towns](#) offers competitive grants of \$2,500 to \$15,000 to support preservation planning and education projects in communities of 10,000 or fewer.

[Apply by May 1](#)

Finally, thank you to the communities that submitted your 2025 [annual reports](#). Iowa has the second-highest number of Certified Local Governments in the country, with 90 historic preservation commissions working to protect and promote our state's historic resources. Keep up the great work!

Sincerely,
Allison

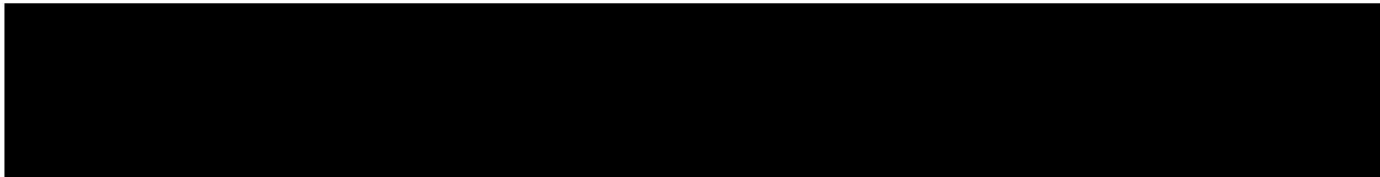
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The Carpenter Paper Building, left, the Ingersoll, middle, and the Klein Building, right, are among eight projects being recognized by the Des Moines Heritage Trust at its historic preservation awards dinner in May. The awards honor the best in historic preservation and recognize projects that demonstrate vision, innovation and a commitment to protecting and revitalizing the places that define the community’s character. *Carpenter photo by Duane Tinkey. Ingersoll photo by Abbie Sesker. Klein Building photo submitted by Chloe Bratvold.*

The Carpenter Paper Building, the Ingersoll dinner theater and the Klein Building in Highland Park — and the people behind them — are among the projects named as historic preservation award recipients this year by the Des Moines Heritage Trust.

The nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of historic buildings in the Des Moines metro will recognize eight leaders and projects that are leaving their mark across the region during the annual Historic Preservation Awards Dinner on May 14. It is presented by Estes Construction, and is scheduled for 5 p.m. at the Des Moines Heritage Center, 120 E. Fifth St. in Des Moines.

Tim Waddell, president of the Des Moines Heritage Trust board, said this year’s winners “showcase the power of preservation to transform communities and neighborhoods.”

“Whether through dedicated, visionary leadership or innovative redevelopment, each honoree is helping turn historic structures and iconic local landmarks into dynamic spaces that serve our region today while honoring its rich heritage,” he said in a news release announcing the winners.

According to the release, the awards honor the best in historic preservation and recognize projects that demonstrate vision, innovation and a commitment to protecting and revitalizing the places that define the community’s character.

This year’s winners are:

Historic Preservation Champion – Ryan Francois, Rally Cap Properties

Historic Preservation Hall of Fame – Bruce Gerleman, Gerleman Management Corp.

Historic Preservation Projects of the Year – Commercial

Carpenter Paper Building, 106 SW Seventh St., Des Moines – Tim Rypma

Ingersoll Dinner Theater, 3711 Ingersoll Ave., Des Moines – Connor Delaney

SHYFT Collective Building, 740 18th St., Des Moines – DEV Partners

Historic Preservation Project of the Year – Residential

2846 Forest Drive, Des Moines – Cutler Construction

Historic Preservation Projects of the Year – Adaptive Reuse

Plant 1 Lofts Phase I (formerly Maytag) – 515 W. Fourth St. N., Newton – Christensen Development

Klein Building in Highland Park, 3614 Sixth Ave. Des Moines – Tim and Chloe Bratvold

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Varsha Borde

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Good morning, Varsha.

They've replaced computers here at the library and I now seem to be unable to cc members of the HPC without having to each time type their email addresses in individually (!?!). Time consuming!

May I ask you to forward this to my colleagues, as well a Nick Alexander - and Erin Chambers if you think that's appropriate?

Thank you.

Larry Ray Hurto
Chair
Newton Historic Preservation Commission

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From: Heather at Butterworth Center & Deere-Wiman House <hcalvert@butterworthcenter.com>
To: "larrythekid@ymail.com" <larrythekid@ymail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 9, 2026 at 11:45:21 PM CDT
Subject: Interested in Historic Buildings? Join Our Free Preservation Series



Understanding Historic Preservation: Architecture, Mate

Join us at Butterworth Center & Deere-Wiman House as we host Understanding Historic Preservation: An educational series taking place in 2026 in Moline, Illinois.

Historic buildings contribute to the identity and character of our communities. How are restoration decisions made? What are alternatives appropriate? How do preservation laws influence development?

This series will explore these questions through engaging presentations and conversations designed for developers, realtors, and anyone interested in historic buildings.

All sessions are free of charge, and participants are welcome to attend one or all programs.

2026 Series Schedule

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April 16: Is This Original? Tips for Investigating Historic Architecture

Learn how to read a building and identify architectural clues that reveal its history.

May 21: The Use of Substitute Materials on Historic Building Exteriors

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