



Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Agenda

Monday, May 4, 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 Special Meeting:4.9.2026
- III. Items from City Staff
- IV. Items from Commissioners
- V. Items from Citizens
- VI. Adjourn

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Chair: Larry Hurto; **Members:** Wes Ranard, Rita Reinheimer, Toni Peska, Kelly Bennett

Special HPC 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: April 09, 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
Erin Yeager, Executive Director Main Street

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 Bennett to approve minutes; **Seconded by** Ranard. **Approved** by VV (4-0)

CERTIFICATION OF IOWA OPEN MEETINGS LAW

Borde confirms.

ITEMS FROM CITY STAFF

- Sr. City Planner Varsha Borde shared the new design for Historic streets for the Downtown Historic District. The board had discussion on the previously approved design and new design and voted to approve the new design.

Motion by Ranard, **Seconded by** Bennett to approve the OVER HEAD STREET MARKER OPTION 1 design for both the street signage and the overhead street signage. (Picture below). **Roll call vote –** (3-1, with Hurto voting 'NO')



Iowa Prison Industries - Sign Division

36208.50186.2

Company: City of Newton
Layout Date: 04/01/2026
Designed By: Joshua Dvorak
Substrate: .080 Aluminum
Punch Spec: MAST ARM
Fonts Used: Multiple
Colors Used: White, Brown
Sheeting: HIP_UDA 3930 | IJ Overlamine
Special Notes: None

Width: 42"
Height: 18"
Border Width: 1/2"
Border Inset: None
Two-Sided: **False**
Fab: **EFI**
Price:

Note: Colors are not exactly representative of the final product. Computer monitors do not match colors exactly from one to the other.

OVER HEAD STREET MARKER OPTION 1



*Signs are manufactured to meet the reflectivity and substrate that each customer is billed for. Occasionally, and especially on smaller sizes, signs will meet or exceed what the customer has ordered in either sheeting or substrate, at no additional cost to the customer. This is done to utilize material in an effort to keep customer costs as low as possible.

Layout Fees may be Applicable.
Property of Iowa Prison Industries
Sign Division, Anamosa, IA.
FOR CUSTOMER REVIEW ONLY
Not to be duplicated or shared without
written permission from the Plant Manager

ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- Ranard – mentioned that he met with Erin Yeager regarding nominating the ‘Gray Moon Public Market for the Preservation at its best award’. There was discussion regarding who the nomination should be from; it was decided that the nomination would be from the HPC and emailed through the city email by Borde. Ranard and Yeager had completed the nomination form and all other required documents. Letters of support would be requested from the Mayor, Council member Hallam and the Reinheimer on behalf of the HPC.
- Reinheimer – None
- Hurto – None

ITEMS FROM CITIZENS –

- None

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

Was emailed prior to the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motioned by Bennett, **Seconded by** Ranard, **Approved** 4-0 by VV. Adjourned at 3:48 pm.