



Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Agenda

Monday, March 6, 2023 - 1:00 PM

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

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of the Agenda
- III. Certification of Iowa Open Meetings Law
- IV. Review of Minutes of Previous Meeting: February 6, 2023
- V. Selection of Officers
- VI. Items from City Staff
 - 1. CLG 2022 Annual Report- Submitted
 - 2. Commissioner Vacancy
 - 3. Historic Properties Redevelopment Update
- VII. Items from Commission
- VIII. Items from Citizens
- IX. Communications from the State Historic Preservation Office and/or the Department of Cultural Affairs
- X. Adjourn

Chair: Larry Hurto; **Members:** Tanya Michener, Mike Sell, Rita Reinheimer, Vacancy



**Minutes of Meeting
Newton Historic Preservation Commission
Community Development/Community Services/Public Works
Large Conference Room
403 West 4th Street North, Suite 501
Newton, IA 50208**

February 6, 2023

ROLL CALL:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Hurto, Reinheimer, Sell

STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT: Erin Chambers, Community Development Director
Erin Yeager, Newton Main Street

Chair Hurto called the meeting to order at 1:00pm. Chambers took roll.

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 Agenda. Motion by Reinheimer, **seconded** by Sell 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 December 5, 2022. Motion by Sell, **seconded** by Reinheimer. Voice Vote: 3-0, approved.

Items from City Staff.

1. Commissioner Vacancy. Chambers asked commissioners for any ideas or suggestions on names.
2. 2022 CLG Annual Report. Chambers reported working on report but will need Hurto to speak to Council. Discussion followed on education requirement opportunities.

Items from Commission

- Individual Commissioner Reports.
 1. Sell. Reported on the feedback given from visitors to his business including positive comments about the square revitalization. Shared how he interacted with customers and tries to positively promote all downtown businesses.
 2. Reinheimer.
 - i. Reported she completed a History 101: Frank Lloyd Wright session in January which told the story of the Frank Lloyd Wright's first Usonian home in Iowa, the Lowell and Agnes Walters House at Cedar Rock. The session detailed the purpose and features of the homes.
 - ii. She reported she purchased the book [This American House](#) by Loper and Schreiber.

- iii. Detailed info from Dirty jobs tv episode on making McShane bells which are the same as Jasper Co. Courthouse's bells.
3. Hurto.
- i. Relayed City Council Member Hallam's question as to what can be done to restore the Maytag caretaker's house. As part of Maytag Park, the house is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Chambers reviewed status of caretaker's house.
 - ii. Reported that the Franklin Hotel in Strawberry Point being for sale.
 - iii. Reported that he provided research on 737 North 3rd Avenue East (the old M. & St. L. depot) owned by Pam House.
 - iv. Reviewed information from *The Gazette*, Cedar Rapids, IA, February 1, 2023: Matyk Building being for sale in Cedar Rapids. The 1893 building is located in Cedar Rapids' NewBo District and has been renovated into a restaurant.

Items from Citizens.

- Erin Yeager. Reported that the Historic Utility Box Wraps have been getting national exposure via facebook and she has had inquiries about Newton's progress.

Communication from State Historic Preservation Office and/or Department of Cultural Affairs.

- Hurto directed commissioners to review the attachments in the packet.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 1:43pm. **Motioned** by Reinheimer, **seconded** by Sell, Approved 3-0.

Erin Chambers

From: allison.archambo@iowa.gov on behalf of Preservation, Historic
<historic.preservation@iowa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 9, 2023 9:19 AM
Subject: News from the State Historic Preservation Office
Attachments: 2023 Preservation at Its Best Awards - Call for Nominations.pdf

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Good Morning all Partners in Preservation,

I am reaching out with a few updates and reminders.

- Mark your calendars for the Preserve Iowa Summit coming June 1-3 and will be held in Sioux City. As in years past there will be a CLG round table session on Thursday morning. The CLG discounted rate will be \$100 again this year. We expect to share additional information soon but hopefully these details will help with planning.
- See the attached flyer from Preservation Iowa for their annual Preservation at its Best Awards, these awards are given at the Summit in June. The deadline to apply is March 30, 2023 and the details about how to submit nominations are listed on the flyer.
- It is also [annual report](#) time again! I have heard from a few communities that will need additional time due to issues related to how notifications went out. If you think your community might need additional time please don't hesitate to reach out and let me know and we can discuss solutions.
- Also I wanted to congratulate Centerville, their Historic Preservation Corporation was selected for a grant award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The [award](#) is for work on the Second Baptist Church.
- If you are curious about grants from the National Trust for Historic Preservation please see this [link](#). They just closed a grant cycle in February but they accept applications three times a year February, June and October.
- Also keep an eye out for the HRDP grants from the State Historical Society of Iowa they will be announced soon and the applications will be due in the beginning of May.
- As we all look at the year ahead it is probably not too early to start thinking and talking about grant funded projects for the next round of CLG grants. So if you have a project in mind please reach out to me and we can discuss your project ideas.

Thank you for all of your dedication to preserving our past.

Sincerely,
Allison

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Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs



Annual Preservation at Its Best Awards **Call for 2023 Nominations**

Preservation Iowa, a statewide non-profit advocate for historic preservation, welcomes nominations to honor preservation success stories across the state through our ***Annual Preservation at its Best (PAIB) Awards***. An independent jury selects award recipients. Awards will be presented at the 2023 Preserve Iowa Summit to be held on June 1-3, 2023 in Sioux City. There is no fee to submit a nomination.

Complete Nomination Instructions and Nomination Forms are available online at:

<http://www.preservationiowa.org/news/2023-preservation-at-its-best-nominations-open/>

Email Deadline: March 30, 2023 to lauracplan@gmail.com

Eligibility: To qualify for a PAIB Award, a project must:

- Demonstrate outstanding achievement in the field of historic preservation.
- Be located in Iowa and be completed between January 1, 2021 and March 30, 2023.
- Construction projects (rehabilitation, restoration, adaptive reuse) should meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.

Award Categories: The types of eligible projects considered for an PAIB award are:

- Adaptive Reuse,
- Commercial,
- Institutional,
- Residential,
- Sacred Place,
- Sustainability in Preservation,
- Rural Preservation,
- Certified Local Government,
- Community Effort,
- Preservationist of the Year, and
- Special Projects.

Questions? Contact PAIB Awards Coordinator Laura Carstens at lauracplan@gmail.com or by phone or text at 563-557-8855.

Erin Chambers

From: Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs <jeff@culturalaffairs.ccsend.com> on behalf of Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs <iowa.culture@iowa.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 17, 2023 9:48 AM
To: Erin Chambers
Subject: News from the Iowa Arts Council

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New round of Iowa Arts Council grants

The new round of Iowa Arts Council grants is now open – all designed to help Iowans across the state create cultural vibrancy in their communities for residents, visitors and tourists.

Artists and arts organizations are encouraged to apply for the following grant programs:

- [Art Project Grant](#)
- [Greenlight Grant](#)
- [Iowa Artist Fellowship](#)

Guidelines for these programs are subject to change. Changes will be clearly noted on each program page.

Application deadlines: May 1.

NOTE: Visit our [YouTube channel](#) to review recorded grant instructional videos.

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Wanted: Grant panel volunteers

Are you interested in helping support Iowa arts? **We want to hear from you.** Citizen advice from unique artistic and cultural viewpoints is central to government support of the arts. Volunteer and share your expertise by participating in Iowa Arts Council review panels.

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Iowa Scholarship for the Arts



"A Sign of Life," Mikayla Lane.

The Iowa Scholarship for the Arts supports the **development of outstanding high school seniors** who excel in the arts and are enrolled in accredited educational

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programs leading to careers in the arts. **Scholarships in the amount of \$2,500** are awarded to support 2023-2024 academic year tuition expenses at Iowa colleges or universities.

Application deadline: April 3.

Be a National History Day in Iowa judge

Want to help Iowa students **win prizes and scholarships**? Judge a [National History Day in Iowa](#) contest and see how students create and present theatrical performances, websites, and more based on a historical topic. As a judge, you'll **receive training materials** and an **orientation session**.



SELECT A CONTEST

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Varsity Cinema hosts watch parties

Congratulations to the filmmakers featured in **Season 7 of "The Film Lounge."**



This year's Sneak Peek Watch Parties were held Jan. 29 and Feb. 5 at the [Varsity Cinema](#) in Des Moines, while Episodes [701](#) and [702](#) made their television premieres Jan. 30 and Feb. 6 on Iowa PBS.

Filmmakers are encouraged to [submit their short films](#) for **Season 8 by June 1**.

Top Images, Left to right:

- *The newly renovated Varsity Cinema lobby full of filmmakers.*
- *Spencer Loucks, Antonio Chalmers and Charlie Borowicz.*
- *Caryline Clark from Iowa PBS at the SWAG table.*

Bottom image:

- *Left to right: Patrick Boberg, Antoinette Lavalle, Matthew Williams, Juan Luna, Emille Lacs and EJ Philby Burton holding a Q&A.*

Just added

Iowans headed to the [Oneota Film Festival](#) in Decorah **will** have an opportunity to attend a Sneak Peek Watch Party for "The Film Lounge: Season 7."

Episodes 701 and 702 will be shown during an **in-person screening on March 3**.

Time: 4 p.m.

When: Friday, March 3

Where: [ArtHaus, 107 W. Broadway St., Decorah](#)

SUBMIT YOUR FILM FOR SEASON 8

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"The Film Lounge" is a television series that showcases short, independent films by Iowa artists. Each one-hour episode includes a collection of short films (2-20 minutes in length) that represent a range of artistic forms, including documentary, animated and experimental work. The episodes also feature interviews with the contributing filmmakers plus spotlight features that highlight the importance and impact of film across Iowa. The series is produced by Iowa PBS in partnership with the Iowa Arts Council and Produce Iowa. More information can be found at thefilmounge.org.

Poetry Out Loud state contest March 5

The Poetry Out Loud in Iowa state contest is set for March 5 at the **State Historical Museum of Iowa** in Des Moines.

Students in grades 9-12 who have won school and district competitions will compete at the state contest for an opportunity to **represent Iowa at the Poetry Out Loud National Contest** in May in Washington, D.C.



In the video above, 2022 Iowa Poetry Out Loud Virtual State Champion Landon Stanley of Marshalltown High School recites "A Graveyard" by Marianne Moore.

Poetry Out Loud is an **arts education program** that encourages students to study **great poetry and compete in a recitation competitions** at local, state and national levels. Students master **public speaking skills, build self-confidence and learn about their literary heritage.**

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2023 Iowa Fine Arts Education Summit

Save the date of June 13 for the next Iowa Fine Arts Education Summit. The biennial summit brings together **Iowa arts educators, teaching artists and others** to share ideas and discuss new ways to teach fine art disciplines within and beyond traditional K-12 classrooms. This year's summit will be held at the FFA Enrichment Center on the campus of Des Moines Area Community College in Ankeny. It is presented in partnership with the **Iowa Alliance for Arts Education**. This year's summit includes a track focused on arts integration and incorporating creativity and innovation through community collaborations.

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Business of Art Conference in Ames

The 2023 Business of Art Conference will be held **March 3-4 at Reiman Gardens in Ames**. Designed for creatives of all types at all stages of career development, the two-day conference offers an opportunity to **learn new skills and network with other artists**.

The registration fee includes 16 sessions, lunch on Saturday, and refreshments throughout the conference. **A 50 percent discount is available for students.**

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Keynote speaker Ash Hanson

Excellence in the Arts awards



Know a student doing amazing things in the arts community? Help give them the recognition they deserve. The **Cedar Rapids Gazette** has introduced the Excellence in the Arts event to recognize outstanding student achievement in performing, visual and digital arts throughout Eastern Iowa. Nominate a student (grades 9-12) today by [sharing their unique story](#).

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Arts Midwest GIG Fund

Arts Midwest's next application cycle for the GIG Fund is expected to open soon. The GIG (Grow, Invest, Gather)

Fund provides grants to Midwestern **non-profit organizations for performing and visual arts activities**. The goal is to invest in efforts that use creativity to connect people, ideas, and solutions to build more thriving and welcoming communities.



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The Rural Connection Fund



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Rural artists in the Upper Midwest can apply for up to \$2,000 to support informal gatherings of rural artists and creatives to witness one another's work, exchange ideas and learning, and build a foundation for long lasting peer support.

Application deadline: March 3.

Call for Artists: Oskaloosa Sculpture Tour

Face of Mahaska County is accepting applications for the 2023-24 Oskaloosa Sculpture Tour in Oskaloosa. Approximately **10 sculptures will be selected** for the upcoming tour to be installed mid-May 2023. More information including an application can be found [online](#).

Application deadline: March 10.

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Coming up

Looking for opportunities to create, exhibit or have your artwork recognized? Check our [calendar](#) often for calls for artists. Want to hire an Iowa artist? [Submit your opportunities](#) and we'll spread the word.

Due to website maintenance, there may be errors on our website calendar events. We recommend consulting our newsletters during this time if you experience any problems.



Ongoing: [Submissions to Iowa Film Festivals](#)

Feb. 18: [Art Mums United](#)

Feb. 19: [Kolaj Artist Residency](#)

Feb. 25: [West Des Moines Muralist](#)

Feb. 25: [Women United ART MOVEMENT](#)

Feb. 26: [Kolaj Fest New Orleans](#)



Now-Feb. 17: [Rauschenberg Dancer Emergency Grant](#)

Now-March 17: [Rauschenberg Medical Emergency Grant](#)

Feb. 24: [Derelict Building Grant Program](#)

March 21-April 28: [Rauschenberg Dance Emergency Grant](#)

March 23: [Innovate Artist Grant](#)

Feb. 28: [Sunspot Literary Journal](#)

Feb. 28: [Mount Vernon Area Arts Council: Artist-in-Residence](#)

March 1: [Ballet Co. Laboratory](#)

March 3: [City of Ames Ice Rink Mural RFP](#)

March 7: [Carter Burden Gallery: Scribbles](#)

March 11: [Vestige Concept Gallery](#)

March 20: [Midwest Nice Art: In Our Place Exhibition](#)

April 1: [MacNider Outdoor Art Market](#)

April 14: [Art Fluent Exhibition](#)

May 5: [Oskaloosa Main Street for Art on the Square](#)

June 23: [Greenwood Parks & Recreation](#)

Dec. 31: [MuncieArts Prequalified Artist Pool](#)



Now-Feb. 25: [Cynthia O'Hern at the Octagon Center for the Arts](#)

Now-March 18: [Akwi Nji at CSPS Hall](#)

Now-March 26: [DJ Savarese: Lynx Project \(Virtual Classes\)](#)

March 22: [Visual Artists Association Online Art Cafe](#)

April 4: [Ali Hval at the Art Center of Burlington](#)

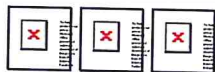
July 7-8: [Gross Domestic Product](#)



Feb. 25: [MediaMasters: Part Three: Greenlight Grants](#)

Sept. 18-21: [Midwest Arts Xpo](#)

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