



Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Agenda

Monday, August 7, 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. Review of Minutes of Previous Meeting: 6-5-2023
- III. Approval of the Agenda
- IV. Certification of Iowa Open Meetings Law
- V. Items from City Staff
- VI. Items from Commission
- VII. Items from Citizens
- VIII. Communications from the State Historic Preservation Office, IEDA, and/or the Department of Cultural Affairs
- IX. Adjourn

Chair: Larry Hurto; **Vice Chair:** Mike Sell; **Members:** Tanya Michener, 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**

June 5, 2023

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Hurto, Sell, Reinheimer, Michener

STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT: Craig Armstrong, City Staff
Erin Yeager, Newton Main Street Executive Director

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

Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2023. Motion by Sell, **seconded** by Michener. Voice Vote: 4-0, approved.

Approval of Agenda. Motion by Reinheimer, **seconded** by Sell to approve Agenda for the current meeting. Voice Vote: 4-0, approved.

Certification of Iowa Open Meetings Law: Armstrong confirms.

Items from City Staff.

1. Armstrong noted that the Newton Farmer's Market begins on Tuesday, June 6, 4:00 to 6:00 pm, and runs through the last Tuesday of September.
2. Armstrong stated that Newton Fest begins on Thursday, June 8 and continues through Saturday, June 10. All events are listed on the website, www.newtonfest.org.
3. Armstrong also noted that the 2nd annual Christian Music Concert, "Fierce Faith Music Fest", would be held on the Legacy Plaza green space on Saturday, June 17th. Gates 4:00 pm, Concert 5:00.

Items from Commission

- Individual Commissioner Reports.
 1. Reinheimer. Noted that the Newton Main Street Design Committee was still in need of c. 20 historic photos to complete the "deck of cards" fundraiser project.
 2. Michener. Just returned from a trip to Washington, DC and stayed in historic Alexandria, VA.
 3. Sell. Reported that he moved the NDN archives to the storage room behind Farmhouse Creations. The articles include a treasure trove of photographic negatives, organized by year and week, and large leather binders containing archived copies of the newspaper over the years.
 4. Hurto. Reported that on May 19th, Todd Magel of KCCI-TV did a story about workers in Manning put a thatch roof on a 1660 hausbarn that had been shipped from Germany. The link to the story may be found here: <https://www.kcci.com/article/iowa-history-workers-put-thatch-roof-on-350-year->

[Id-hausbarn-shipped-from-germany/43934031](#) Hurto stated that Manning is a very active Main Street community that has done much over a period of years to preserve and restore historic building properties in their town. Hurto also noted that the former Maid Rite restaurant had closed.

Items from Citizens.

- Erin Yeager.
 1. Shared that Friday, June 9 was the first of three “Thunder Nights” events in 2023 on the Courthouse Square.
 2. Reported that Council would be approving two downtown improvement grants in their June 5th meeting.
 3. Shared that she has a potential prospect from Ottumwa for the Lemon Tree Teahouse property.
 4. Reported that the RAGBRAI Pre-Ride Group would be in Newton for inspections and lunch on Thursday, June 8.
 5. Stated that the owner of the former Maid Rite restaurant had closed abruptly on Friday afternoon, June 2, and that the employees were let go.

Communication from State Historic Preservation Office and/or Department of Cultural Affairs. Hurto encouraged the commissioner to read all of the emails received from SHPO, IEDA and the Department of Cultural Affairs.

Adjournment. It was suggested by Sell and Michener that the July HPC meeting be combined with the Monday, August 7th HPC meeting. Hurto asked for consensus and there were no objections. The meeting was then adjourned at **1:52 pm. Motioned** by Michener, **seconded** by Sell, Approved 4-0.

Erin Chambers

From: Allison Archambo <Allison.Archambo@IowaEDA.com>
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2023 3:39 PM
Subject: NAPC's Messaging Guide for Local Preservation Programs

CAUTION: This email originated from outside your organization. Exercise caution when opening attachments or clicking links, especially from unknown senders.

Dear CLGs,

NAPC recently published a new resource to help **you** better communicate the value of historic preservation. The "[Messaging Guide for Local Preservation Programs](#)" is full of general communication tips, best practices, and sample messaging that can be used by staff and preservation commissioners.

NAPC collected feedback at their biennial conference [FORUM](#) and through a nationwide survey, which narrowed down the sticking points in preservation messaging. The research found that local programs needed more support in expressing the value of historic preservation, explaining the designation and design review process, as well as advocating for better preservation policy. The Messaging Guide is organized by these three topics, which are expanded into issues, key messages, and supporting points. For example, under "Why Preservation Matters" on page 33, you'll see related issues, such as affordable housing, density, local economy, sustainability, diversity, equity, and inclusion, and more. Each issue is further explored by key messages and supporting points that are readymade for your use, plus are backed by linked research and/or documentation to support the message.

You can start using the Messaging Guide today by visiting: <https://www.napcommissions.org/messaging-guide>

Thank You!

ALLISON ARCHAMBO | State Historic Preservation Office - Certified Local Government Coordinator

IOWA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
1963 Bell Avenue, Suite 200 | Des Moines, Iowa 50315
+1 (515) 348-6287 | allison.archambo@iowaeda.com



NOTICE: Effective June 21, 2023, my address, email address, and phone number have changed. While my previous contact information will forward for a short period of time, please update your address book to include my new address, email address, and phone number to match the signature information above and begin using this new contact information effective immediately. Thank you!

Erin Chambers

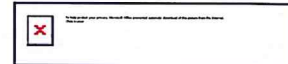
From: Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs <jeff@culturalaffairs.ccsend.com> on behalf of Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs <iowa.culture@iowa.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2023 4:51 PM
To: Erin Chambers
Subject: Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs Update

CAUTION: This email originated from outside your organization. Exercise caution when opening attachments or clicking links, especially from unknown senders.



Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs Update

Greetings,



During my 11-plus years with the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs, it has been my honor and pleasure to have worked with you and countless others to boost Iowa's quality of life through the arts, culture, film, history and historic preservation.

From Sioux City to Keokuk and Council Bluffs to Decorah, we have partnered with nonprofit organizations; city leaders; elected local, state and federal officials; and many more – united in a common goal: Develop creative vitality in communities; improve quality of life for residents and visitors, attract and retain a highly-skilled workforce, drive economic growth, and create job opportunities.

I am proud of all our department has accomplished to build a culturally vibrant state that showcases the people, places and points of pride that define our authentic character and history.

I have resigned from my position with the State of Iowa and as director of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs. Today is my last day. I am forever grateful to have been appointed by Gov. Kim Reynolds as director in 2019 and to have been twice confirmed by the Iowa Senate in 2019 and 2023. I especially want to thank Governor Reynolds and Lt. Gov. Adam Gregg for their support of the arts, STEAM, history, historic preservation, humanities, culture, film and media, arts and history education and so much more that have improved the quality of life in Iowa.

It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve you these past 11-plus years. I have enjoyed traveling the state, connecting with and empowering our leaders, and collaborating to achieve so much for the benefit of Iowans. As we look to the future, I encourage you to continue your work and to build on the tremendous success that we have achieved.

Respectfully,



Chris Kramer
Director
Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs

Impact Report



Iowa is becoming known as a culturally vibrant state. Our new impact report includes examples that demonstrate the strength of our state's arts, film, humanities, culture, history and historic preservation sector. In fact, more than 43,000 Iowans work in the creative sector at more than 5,800 businesses generating \$4.2 billion for the State of Iowa's economy – this is equal to 2 percent of Iowa's GDP.

By focusing our efforts, the state's investments are leveraging private and local economic impact while developing creative communities and the state's quality of life.

By engaging in lifelong learning, Iowans are connecting to their communities, to each other and to the stories of the past.

[READ THE IMPACT REPORT](#)



State Historical Building Renovations

Renovations at the State Historical Building of Iowa are nearly completed. The remaining work will focus on completing additional projects to protect and preserve the state's historical collection, including bringing our exhibit entrances up to fire code and updating the wood floor, which has been warped by water over time.

Throughout the renovations, the building has remained open to the public during regular hours and visitors are eager for the full reopening by year-end of 2023. This fall, the museum will introduce a new civics exhibit, which will complement 50,000-square-feet of exhibits where Iowans learn about all 99 counties, the history and stories of who we are and how our communities came to be, a place to showcase the contributions Iowans have made to agriculture, business and industry, the military, education, immigration, politics and the caucuses, arts, science and innovation.

Gov. Kim Reynolds and the Iowa Legislature approved renovations that prioritized piping,

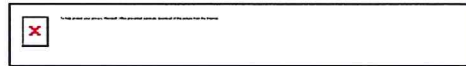
roof and skylight replacement utilizing the state's Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund. Additional funding was secured from private contributions and earned revenue to refresh the Iowa History Research Center, the public spaces and meeting rooms. A grant from the Carver Foundation funded new exhibits and technology while generous support raised through the annual Celebrate Iowa Gala helped complete the project including the preservation of the historic planes that will be reinstalled this fall.

Image: The atrium and Grand Staircase in the State Historical Building of Iowa and a view of the Capitol Building from the new atrium window wall.

LEARN MORE

IDCA divisions, staff and programs transfer to new departments

Under the State of Iowa government alignment, cultural affairs will be organized under two different departments beginning July 1. We look forward to a seamless transition and have the team in place to continue executing in a professional manner to best serve Iowa and to boost our state's quality of life:

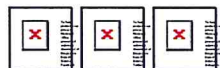


- The **Iowa Arts Council**, **Produce Iowa-State Office of Film & Media**, and the **State Historic Preservation Office** will relocate to the Iowa Economic Development Authority. Beginning July 1, you can connect with staff, programs and information at culture.iowaeda.com.
- The **Iowa Humanities Council** and the **State Historical Society of Iowa** and its departments – State Historical Museum of Iowa, State Library & Archives of Iowa, Iowa History Research Centers, and Historic Sites – will become part of the Iowa Department of Administrative Services. Beginning July 1, you can connect with IHF and SHSI staff, programs and information at history.iowa.gov.

Image: Ben Schuh art for a Celebrate Iowa Gala program.

[Iowa Arts Council](#) | [Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs](#) | 515-281-5111

STAY CONNECTED



For more information, visit us at IowaCulture.gov.



600 E. Locust St., Des Moines, IA 50319

Update Newsletter Preferences

[Unsubscribe from All Newsletters](#)

[Privacy Policy](#)

Erin Chambers

From: Larry Hurto <larrythekid@ymail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 24, 2023 9:31 AM
To: Tanya Michener; Rita Reinheimer; Mike Sell
Cc: Erin Chambers
Subject: Fw: Iowa Historian

CAUTION: This email originated from outside your organization. Exercise caution when opening attachments or clicking links, especially from unknown senders.

FYI.

Larry Ray Hurto
Chair
Newton Historic Preservation Commission

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs <iowa.culture@iowa.gov>
To: "larrythekid@ymail.com" <larrythekid@ymail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2023 at 02:18:15 PM CDT
Subject: Iowa Historian



Iowa students have strong showing at National History Day Contest

Iowa students from **Bettendorf**, **Cedar Rapids** and **Nashua-Plainfield** schools took top honors at the National History Day Contest last week at the University of Maryland.

Hadley Appel, **Kailin Stiles-Pena** and **Addison Woelfel** of Bettendorf Middle School; **Raeann Reicks** of Harding Middle School in Cedar Rapids; and **Caleb Sinnwell** of Nashua-Plainfield Junior/Senior High School medaled in their respective categories.

Sixteen more Iowa students received special recognition during this year's program, which is coordinated in Iowa by the State Historical Society of Iowa, a division of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs.

In all, more than half a million middle and high school students around the world researched, developed and presented papers, exhibits, documentaries, websites and performances about historical topics related to this year's theme, "**Frontiers in History: People, Places, Ideas.**"

The National History Day in Iowa program has been coordinated by the State Historical Society of Iowa, a

division of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs, since 1994 and is sponsored by the State Historical Society, Inc., National Endowment for the Humanities and Bravo Greater Des Moines.

LEARN MORE

Lt. Gov. Adam Gregg and SHSI board announce Excellence in Iowa History Awards

Lt. Gov. Adam Gregg joined the State Historical Society of Iowa Board of Trustees last week to present the annual Excellence in Iowa History Awards during a ceremony at the **Lakeview Community Center in Clear Lake**.

The awards honor individuals, organizations and communities that make **outstanding contributions to the field of Iowa history**. The State Historical Society of Iowa is a division of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs.

This year's list of award winners includes individuals and projects from across the state – **Ames, Cedar Rapids, Davenport, Des Moines, Dubuque, Iowa City, Johnston, and Laurens** – and around the country.

See the list of [award recipients online](#).

Lt. Gov. Adam Gregg, left, and Pamela Riney-Kehrberg, who received this year's Benjamin F. Shambaugh Award for her new book, "When a Dream Dies: Agriculture, Iowa, and the Farm Crisis of the 1980s." Her book is featured in the current issue of The Annals of Iowa. (See below for more information.)

LEARN MORE

Spring 2023 Annals of Iowa available



Cover art: Buck Christensen, "Manifesto," 2011

LEARN MORE

The newly published Spring 2023 issue of The Annals of Iowa is now available, and features an extended excerpt of an **oral history about the Farm Crisis** of the 1980s, provided by World Food Prize Foundation President Ambassador **Terry Branstad**. As governor of Iowa from 1983 to 1999 and again from 2011 to 2017, Branstad led through the Farm Crisis. This issue also features a scholarly discussion of **Pamela Riney-Kehrberg's** new book, **"When a Dream Dies: Agriculture, Iowa, and the Farm Crisis of the 1980s,"** Farm Crisis-related photos and letters from the historical society's special collections and

state archives in Des Moines along with a **guide for educators** on how to teach about the Farm Crisis.

SHSI to get a new website address

The State Historical Society of Iowa will be getting a new website address as we close out the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs.



Beginning July 1, the State Historical Society of Iowa will become part of the **Iowa Department of Administrative Services**. Our colleagues with the **State Historic Preservation Office**, **Iowa Arts Council** and **Produce Iowa** will relocate to the **Iowa Economic Development Authority**.

Our new website will be **history.iowa.gov**, and we'll announce when it goes active. Please note the current website, **iowa.culture@iowa.gov**, will redirect to the new website. Our State Historical Society of Iowa locations and email addresses will remain the same.

VISIT THE CURRENT SHSI WEBSITE

Iowa History 101 programs

Be sure to register for the upcoming Iowa History 101 programs. Each one is recorded and made available online. Visit Iowa History 101 for more information.



Arabs in Fort Dodge, Iowa: the Habhabs and the Making of an American Family

July 13, Noon

Image: Habhab family, courtesy of Oscar Habhab.

REGISTER



The Modernization of Major College Football Stadia in Iowa

July 27, Noon

Image: Frederick W. Kent Collection of Photographs, University of Iowa Libraries, Iowa City, Iowa

REGISTER



Iowa and the Equal Rights Amendment

Aug. 10, Noon

Image: ERA button, State Historical Society of



Why Foster Care Started on Farms

Aug. 24, Noon

Image: Homes for Children advertisement.

Iowa.

REGISTER

REGISTER



Letters from the Farmhouse

Sept. 14, Noon

Image: Woman hanging laundry on clothesline, Decorah, Iowa, ca 1903-1905, Marsh Collection, State Historical Society of Iowa, Special Collections, Iowa City

REGISTER



Middle Americas: Nicaragua Canal

Sept. 28, Noon

Image: Panoramic view of the Nicaragua Canal.

REGISTER



Iowa History Book Club

Our 2023 Iowa History Book Club programs explore a number of books related to Iowa history, from the formative years of the **American Midwest** and an Iowan's ties to **Oskar Schindler** to **First Lady Lou Henry Hoover** and the **suffrage movement**. The programs are recorded and made available online.

"A Woman of Adventure: The Life and Times of First Lady Lou Henry Hoover" by Annette Dunlap

Sept. 7, 7 p.m.

When World War I began, life changed for Iowa-native Lou Henry Hoover. Her husband, Herbert Hoover, began a political career while she devoted her time to domestic causes and issues.

REGISTER

"Woman Suffrage and Citizenship in the Midwest, 1870-1920" by Sara Egge

Nov. 30, 7 p.m.

Uncover the ways midwestern suffragists understood citizenship as an obligation. The suffragists – primarily Yankees from the Northeast – settled in the region and founded libraries, schools, churches and parks.

REGISTER

Register for museum day camps

Registration for the State Historical Museum of Iowa's summer day camps and workshop are now open! Young historians



can attend a wide variety of programs this summer including:

Innovative Iowans Day Camp

4-6th grade, July 12

Goldie's Family Day Camp

Ages 6-10 years, July 19

Explore and learn more about the programs, including how to register, [online](#).

Young historians attending a past summer day camp learn how artifacts are collected and preserved at the State Historical Museum of Iowa.

LEARN MORE

Visit the Iowa History Research Center

Iowa History Research Center

Explore the newly renovated [Iowa History Research Center](#) at the State Historical Building in Des Moines, now open **9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Wednesday - Friday**. Visitors will find numerous upgrades and improvements and can dive into collections filled with state government records, books and periodicals, newspapers, county records, manuscripts, photographs and more.

LEARN MORE

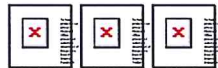
Iowa History Collections Catalog

Iowans can also access the [Iowa History Collections Catalog](#), a unified, user-friendly online catalog that provides greater access to the state's collection of **more than 200 million pieces of Iowa history**, available to anyone with an internet connection, anywhere in the world.

BECOME A MEMBER

VISIT OUR CALENDAR

VOLUNTEER



State Historical Society of Iowa | iowaculture.gov/history



600 E. Locust St., Des Moines, IA 50319

Update Newsletter Preferences

Unsubscribe from All Newsletters

Privacy Policy