

DECORAH HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

4:30, Monday, February 12, 2018 Agenda

Municipal Center Council Chambers, 400 Claiborne Drive, Decorah, Iowa

1. Roll call
2. Review and approval of Minutes from Dec. 11, 2017, recorded and distributed by Commission secretary Judy van der Linden
3. DHPC Membership
4. Charles Altfillisch project
 - a. 2018 Historic Preservation Award
 - b. Other progress
5. Decorah Commercial Historic District follow-up
 - a. Signage
6. Expanding Broadway-Phelps Park Historic District update
7. Luther College Historic District update
8. Courthouse Advisory Committee update
9. DHPC Municipal web site revision
10. Annual CLG Report due Feb. 28, 2018
11. Commissioner Reports
12. Public Comment
13. On-going business
 - a. Mission (Ordinance-mandated. Issues: by-laws adopted Sept. 2007, historic preservation vs. preserving history; role: advising, advocacy, mandating.)
 - b. Record-keeping (Minutes and contracts at City Hall in paper short-term, digitally long-term. Other records, research, presentations, some publications in DHPC file in Library. Issues: the desirability of creating permanent research, photographic, manuscript archives, "intentional redundancy," print/digital/internet records.)
 - c. Membership, constituency, and linkages (As a CLG [Certified Local Government] reporting to SHPO and to local government, we are fundamentally different from other historical organizations. Issues: how to create connections on common goals, constituency lists, resource lists.)
 - d. Visibility and education (On-going programs include the annual Historic Preservation Award during National Preservation Month [May]. Issues: programming, occasional inquiries, advocacy, logo, public media connections, internet presence, social media, signage, and brochures.)
 - e. Listings and special projects (National Register of Historic Places is a coordinated local/state/federal program. Site inventories are produced locally and stored at SHPO [but without easy local access]. Issues: "Landmark" programs have state SHPO requirements and are enshrined in local ordinances. Formal or informal "Decorah Register of Historic Places" [cf. issues related to "a. Record-keeping" and "c. Visibility and education"].)
14. Possible next meeting: Monday, March 12, 2018, 4:30 pm, City Hall Conference Room
15. Adjournment