

## DECORAH HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

4:30, Monday, December 11, 2017 Agenda

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

1. Roll call
2. Review and approval of Minutes from Nov. 14, 2017, recorded and distributed by Commission secretary Judy van der Linden
3. Election of 2018 officers
4. DHPC Membership
5. Decorah Commercial Historic District followup
  - a. Decorah Bank renovation plans for 202 E. Water St. building
  - b. Signage. Either April or Jeremy Bril will attend ca. 5:15 to discuss Visioning Grant
6. Charles Altfillisch project update
  - a. 2018 Historic Preservation Award
7. Expanding Broadway-Phelps Park Historic District update
8. Luther College Historic District update
9. Courthouse Advisory Committee update
10. DHPC Municipal web site revision
11. Commissioner Reports
12. Public Comment
13. 2017 review and long-range planning (see "On-going business" below)
14. 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"].)
15. Possible next meetings: Monday, January 8, 2017, and/or Monday, February 12, 2017, 4:30 pm, City Hall Conference Room

## 16. Adjournment