



City of Clinton Historic Preservation Commission
Clinton County Historical Society Museum
601 South 1st Street, Clinton, IA 52732

Minutes Monday, November 10, 2025

Present:

Cindy Nagel (Chair), Sarah Salstrom (Vice-Chair), Lisa Herrington (Secretary), Tom Koester, Robert Betsinger, Kelly Schemers, Erin Everson, Rhonda Kerns (council liaison)

Call to Order: 12:05p

Guests: Tammy Johnson and Matt Parbs

Review and approval of November meeting minutes. Tom motioned; Kelly second; unanimous; placed on file

Discussions:

- YMCA MOA: no questions from commissioners and accepted as written; city is looking for old photos of the Y; possibly creating a coffee table book; asking EPA if historical museum can reproduce; EPA looking into legality with their legal team
- Mt Pleasant Park: flagpole, hand pump, and horse tie-out are now set; waiting for plaque quotes; Tom will work with Cottage Bluff management about getting a flag and lights on the pole
- Bethel AME Church: November 22, 4-6pm ceremony for decommission of the church; fundraising in progress
- Downtown Historic District RFP: per Matt Parbs... waiting to hear on the grant acceptance
- 2026 Preservation Iowa Most Endangered Properties Nomination, due December 9; any candidates? None were offered up
- FY27 budget-Nagel will put together for vote at next meeting
- Discussion of putting together articles for the Herald or Lighthouse of what the commission is/does, progress on topics, and events

Committee Reports

- Social Media; no updates
- Grants and Fundraisers; no updates
- Local Landmarks and NRHP; no updates
- Education and Outreach; no updates

City Council updates

- Voting whether it should proceed or not, or moving it forward for the vote to proceed
- Home Rule charter: outlining everything that needs to go through a petition and everything that needs to be voted on by Council otherwise the whole home rule charter is for none

Other Business

- December HPC meeting will be a work session meeting for 2026
- Preserve Iowa Summit; June 2-3, FFA Enrichment Center, Ankeny, Iowa
- Nagel will create a document listing all the acronyms that are common in historic preservation

NEXT MEETING:

January 12, 2026, 12 pm Clinton County Historical Society Museum, 601 South 1st Street, Clinton

ADJOURNMENT 12:51pm

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