

## **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING**

May 26, 2026

SPENCER, IOWA

The Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Spencer met on the 26th day of May 2026, at 4:00 P.M., pursuant to law, adjournment and to the rules of said Commission. The meeting was held in the City Hall Main Conference Room. Chairperson Gude called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. The following Commission Members were present:

Present: Gude, Oechslin, Roskens  
Absent: Johannsen, Van Gorp, Rose, Howe

**No quorum**

Also in attendance: Building Official Anna Harmon & Cemetery Superintendent Ed Lawver.

Minutes from the April 28 meeting were reviewed and no corrections noted. Approval will be delayed to next meeting with quorum.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Riverside Cemetery Open House - US 250th celebration
  - a. Sunday, June 14 from 2-4pm. Gathering to begin North of the Mausoleum.
  - b. Kalei Roskens will provide a tent for the initial gathering spot.
  - c. City Sanitation will provide dumpsters for garbage. Lawver's cemetery staff will distribute the containers as needed.
  - d. Confirmation of details will be reviewed with Adam Van Gorp (follow up 5-27-2026)
    - i. Lawver & Van Gorp will meet to review setup on Monday, June 8 at 1:30pm at Riverside Cemetery
    - ii. Kevin Robinson has agreed to join the welcome at 2pm.
    - iii. The soccer club has agreed to provide concessions for the afternoon.
- B. Clay County Heritage Center – Celebrating 175 years Clay County
  - a. Oechslin conveyed that the Heritage Center has an abundance of information on the city of Spencer and so no additional information or materials will be needed for this display.
  - b. Oechslin will be a docent at the Heritage Center / Parker Museum on Sunday, June 14.
- C. Walking Tour
  - a. Harmon will review the current digital tours and produce QR codes for distribution ahead of Flag Fest weekend via Facebook and printed.
  - b. Mary Jean Montgomery reached out to HPC members to request a digital tour of the North Grand residential neighborhood. Montgomery will be compiling information later this summer and into fall. Harmon indicated that this may be a winter project for staff.
- D. Preserve Iowa Summit 2026 – June 2-3, 2026 in Ankeny
  - a. Oechslin & Gude will be in attendance.
  - b. Harmon confirmed reimbursement guidelines (5-27-26) with the Finance Department to include: registration fee, hotel, non-conference meals, and mileage. Receipts and requested documentation must be turned in for reimbursement.
- E. Facebook
  - a. Kalei will draft a post for the Riverside Cemetery Open house for board review prior to posting.
  - b. Kalei will post the QR codes for the walking tour ahead of Flag Fest weekend.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. SPACE / Art Alliance Update

a. None

B. Other comments:

a. None

**Next Meeting:** June 23 at 4:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

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Chris Gude, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Adam Severson, Recording Secretary