

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF DAVENPORT, IOWA
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2020; 5:00 PM
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 226 W 4TH ST
DAVENPORT, IOWA 52801

I. Call to Order

Chairman Frueh called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present:
Cordes, Cochran, Franken, Kuehl, Wonio

II. Secretary's Report

A. Consideration of the December 10, 2019 meeting minutes.

Motion by Wonio, second by Cochran to approve the December 10, 2019 meeting minutes. Minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote (6-0)

III. Communications

A. Introduction of new Staff

Brandon Melton introduced himself and provided a brief summary of his professional experience. Mr. Melton will be staffing the Commission until further notice.

IV. Old Business. There was none.

V. New Business

Case No: NRHP20-01: Review and recommendation on the proposed National Register Historic Places Davenport Commercial Historic District. The approximately 49-acre Historic District is bounded by the south side of W. 2nd Street at the southernmost, the north side of W. 5th Street and the west 500 block of Brady Street at the northernmost, east side of Perry Street at the easternmost, and east side of Western Avenue at the westernmost. [Ward 3]

Melton provided the staff report.

Jennifer James, the consultant who completed the application, was available by telephone to provide comment and answer questions from the commission.

Marion Meginnis, 3rd Ward Alderman, provided positive comments regarding the nomination and thanked the commission for their support.

Kyle Carter, representing the Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce, which helped initiate and funded the consultant's work, similarly thanked the commission.

Findings:

1. That the Davenport Commercial District is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history (Criterion A); and
2. That the Davenport Commercial District embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction (Criterion C).

Staff recommends the Historic Preservation Commission recommend approval of the Davenport Commercial Historic District and authorize the Chairperson to sign the Certified Local Government Review Form.

Motion by Cordes, second by Cochran to approve NRHP20-01 in accordance with submitted material. Motion to approve was unanimous by roll call vote (6-0).

VI. Other Business.

A. Election of Officers

Nominations for Commission Chair were opened. Kuehl nominated John Frueh. There were no other nominations. Frueh was elected unanimously by roll call vote (5-0, 1 abst)

Nominations for Commission Vice Chair were opened. Wonio nominated Bob McGivern. There were no other nominations. McGivern was elected unanimously by roll call vote (6-0)

- B. A future petitioner had questions for the commission regarding the submission of an application. Melton offered to meet with her outside of the meeting to assist in preparing an application.

VII. Open Forum for Comment. No one from the audience spoke.

VIII. Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6 pm.