

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF DAVENPORT, IOWA

TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025; 5:00 PM

CITY HALL | 226 WEST 4TH STREET | COUNCIL CHAMBERS

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Hustedde called the meeting to order.

Present: Hustedde, Kretz, Eaton, Hoff, Adams, Gomez

Excused: McGivern

Staff Present: Berkley, Werderitch

II. Secretary's Report

1. Consideration of the April 8, 2025 meeting minutes.

Motion by Gomez, second by Kretz, to approve the April 8, 2025 meeting minutes. Minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote (6-0).

III. Communications

Due to scheduling conflicts, the Downtown Davenport Architectural Walking Tour will be cancelled this summer. Staff hope to bring the program back next year.

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

1. Case COA25-04: Request for exterior alteration at 714 Gaines Street. The Postel Rental House is a contributing building in the Hamburg Local Landmark Historic District. Xaveria Mayes, petitioner. [Ward 3]

Staff provided an overview of the request. A recent windstorm caused a large tree to collapse onto the rear of the home, resulting in substantial damage to the roof, siding, fascia, gutters, and windows. The property owner received a Structural Damage Claim from State Farm Insurance to address necessary repairs to the exterior. As a result, the homeowner is petitioning repairs to the facade only in the areas damaged by the storm. There are no alterations proposed to the front elevation facing Gaines Street.

Staff made a recommendation to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness in Case COA25-04 in accordance with the submitted material.

The project was reviewed for conformance with the Standards for Review, Chapter 14.01.060 C and D of the Davenport Municipal Code. The project meets the following standards:

1. Every reasonable effort shall be made to make the minimal number of changes necessary to maintain a designated property in a good state of repair, thereby minimizing the impact of the proposed alteration.

The property owner was not in attendance to answer questions.

Motion by Adams, second by Gomez, to approve Case COA25-04 in accordance with the submitted materials, subject to the following condition:

1. City Staff shall have administrative review and approval of replacement window units damaged by the tree collapse. Replacement window units shall match the old in design, color, texture and other visual qualities and, where possible, materials.

VI. Other Business

1. Party in the Park

After discussion, the Commission decided to participate in the July 17th and August 7th Party in the Park events. The Commission intends to partner with the Davenport Public Library Special Collections for the events.

2. 2025 Preserve Iowa Summit

Staff and Commissioner Gomez will register for general admission and attend the June 5th and 6th events. Chairperson Hustedde will attend the Certified Local Government Roundtable on Saturday June 7th.

VII. Open Forum for Comment

VIII. Adjourn

Motion by Gomez, second by Kretz, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by a voice vote (6-0). The meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.

IX. Next Commission Meeting: June 10, 2025