

Historic Preservation Commission December 3, 2020

Zoom Meeting

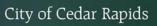
- Commissioners should mute their phones/computers when they are not speaking
- Attendees will automatically be muted, but can raise their hands via computer or by pressing *9 on their phone

Demolition

214 29th Street Drive SE – Commercial Building









214 29th Street Drive SE







Project Description

- Property is a commercial building built in 1947
- The property has not been surveyed





Staff Recommendation

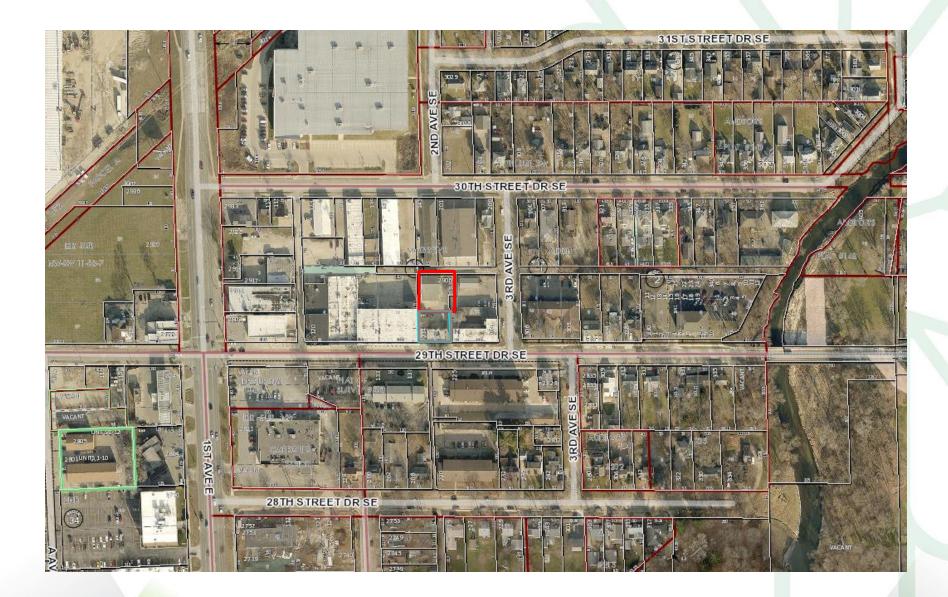
 Staff recommends immediate release because there is no evidence of historic significance and it is a poor candidate for local landmarking.



Demolition

2906 3rd Avenue SE– Commercial Building







2906 3rd Avenue SE







Project Description

- Property is a repair shop built in 1957
- The property has not been surveyed



Staff Recommendation

 Staff recommends immediate release because there is no evidence of historic significance and it is a poor candidate for local landmarking.





Historic Preservation Commission 2021 Work Plan





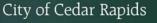
Vision—from Chapter 18

- 1. With City Council approval, conduct studies for the identification and designation of historic districts and sites meeting the definitions established by chapter 18;
- 2. Make recommendations to the City Council for the listing of a historic district or site in the National Register of Historic Places;
- 3. Review and act upon all applications pursuant to the procedures established by Chapter 18 and other applicable laws;
- 4. Further the efforts of historic preservation in the City by making recommendations to the City Council and City commissions and boards on preservation issues when appropriate, by encouraging the protection and enhancement of buildings or structures with historical, architectural or cultural value, and by encouraging persons and organizations to become involved in preservation activities;
- 5. Educate the public at large on the benefits of historic preservation and build a preservation ethic and public awareness;
- 6. Recommend acceptance of unconditional gifts and donations of real and personal property, including money, for the purpose of historic preservation;



Vision—from Chapter 18

- 7. Recommend acquisition by purchase, bequest, or donation, fee and lesser interests in historic properties, including properties adjacent to or associated with historic properties;
- 8. Recommend the preservation, restoration, maintenance, and operation of historic properties, under the ownership or control of the City;
- 9. Recommend that the City lease, sell, and otherwise transfer or dispose of historic properties subject to rights of public access and other covenants and in a manner that will preserve the property;
- 10. Cooperate with the federal, state and local governments in the pursuance of the objectives of historic preservation;
- 11. Provide information for the purpose of historic preservation to the City; and
- 12. Promote and conduct an educational and interpretive program on historic properties within the City.





2020 Completed Tasks

- Made transition to virtual meetings to adapt to public health guidelines and increased frequency of meetings to support post-derecho recovery
- Completed Bever Woods Survey & CLG application to complete nomination application for National Register
- Designated one new local landmark Central Park Presbyterian
- Developed new local landmark scoring tool to standardize evaluations of local landmark applications, allowing for a consistent review process conducted by the commission





GOAL 1: Participate in preservation, salvage and documentation of historic structures

Task	Lead	Completion Timeline
Establish Historic Asset Inventory 2021 Focus Properties	Historic Asset Inventory Sub-Committee / Staff	1 st Quarter 2021
Implement proactive preservation strategies on at least four 2021 Focus Properties	Historic Asset Inventory Sub-Committee	4 th Quarter 2021
Complete Bever Woods National District Nomination	Staff	4 th Quarter 2021
Designate at least two properties as Local Historic Landmarks	Full Commission	4 th Quarter 2021
Designate the Paramount Theatre as a Local Historic Landmark (in addition to the two other local landmark designation).	Staff	4 th Quarter 2021



GOAL 1: Participate in preservation, salvage and documentation of historic structures

Task	Lead	Completion Timeline
Create a new priority list of areas to intensive survey.	Full Commission	1 st Quarter 2021
Fully assess damage and impact from damage on historic assets from the August 10 th derecho	Staff	1 st Quarter 2021
Amend historic design guidelines to include new materials that incorporate prospective districts (ie Bever Woods)	Full Commission/Staff	4 th Quarter 2021





GOAL 1: Participate in preservation, salvage and documentation of historic structures

Task	Lead	Completion Timeline
Work with affordable housing organizations to use historic resources in their projects	Full Commission/Staff	Ongoing: Coordinating with the Neighborhood Finance Corporation, Housing Services, etc.
Implement the City's Historic Rehabilitation Program and research and explore other financial resources for preservation related activities	Full Commission/Staff	Ongoing: In 2020, 10 grants totaling to over \$46,000 were committed to exterior rehabilitation projects through the Historic Rehab Program.
Work with economic development partners to include historic resources in redevelopment policies and economic development plans.	Staff	Ongoing: City staff work with developers to ensure historic preservation. City ED policy is reviewed annually to determine effectiveness and any needed improvements.
Incorporate historic preservation into Neighborhood Action Plans and Corridor Action Plans, planning Study Areas, and other City planning projects	Staff	Ongoing: City staff utilize existing resources such as the historic viewer along with public input to call attention to historic assets in planning areas.



GOAL 2: Increase Communication

Task	Lead	Completion Timeline
Continue to improve the HPC website for ease of use and to provide more information	Staff	Ongoing: City staff updated the HPC website to include more information about Historic Rehabilitation Program, local landmarking, and other pages to answer frequently asked questions.
Implement an annual program review	Staff	Ongoing: Staff submits an annual CLG Report and includes the Historic Preservation Plan when reviewing and updating Envision CR. Additionally, staff reviews COAs, CNMEs, and demolitions in a presentation to the commission.
Maintain and enhance compliance regulations for Certified Local Government status	Full Commission/Staff	Ongoing: Staff submitted the 2020 CLG Annual report and three commissioners and two staff members attended the 2020 Preservation Iowa Summit.



GOAL 3: Improve Public Relations

Task	Lead	Completion Timeline
Link interested property owners to training and technical assistance programs on the use of tax credits	Full Commission/Staff	2 nd /3 rd Quarter 2021: Staff will explore opportunities to host speakers on these topics
Identify outreach events with community organizations that may be interested in historic preservation.	Full Commission	Ongoing: City supports and contributes to the annual Preservation Showcase by the Friends of Cedar Rapids Historic Preservation



GOAL 4: Provide Information and Educational Opportunities for the Public

Task	Lead	Completion Timeline
Update the content of the GIS database of historic properties	Staff	4 th Quarter 2021
Develop a formal heritage tourism program	Full Commission/Staff	4 th Quarter 2021: Staff will work with Neighborhood Associations to continue developing the History Happened Here program.
Complete River History Sign Project	Staff	3 rd Quarter 2021
Provide presentation to the Cedar Rapids Area Association of Realtors on historic preservation topics	Staff	TBD 2021
Secure funding for the fabrication of plaques for the City's Local Historic Landmarks	Staff	2 nd Quarter 2021



GOAL 4: Provide Information and Educational Opportunities for the Public

Task	Lead	Completion Timeline
Develop and distribute educational materials (e.g. brochures, postcards, web- based materials) for property owners and the general public to enhance public awareness and understanding of the city's cultural and social history	Full Commission/Staff	Ongoing: Staff will continue to send out an annual newsletter to the Local Historic Districts and continues to explore other opportunities to distribute educational materials
Maintain a training program for City staff.	Staff	Ongoing: Two City staff attended the 2019 Preserve Iowa Summit hosted by SHPO.
Expand training opportunities to other City Departments that often work with the Historic Preservation Commission (Development Services, Parks, etc.)	Staff	Ongoing: Staff held a training with Development Services on HPC procedures and districts. Staff will work to expand to other departments (Parks, Housing, Building Services as examples)



GOAL 5: Provide Educational Opportunities for HPC Members

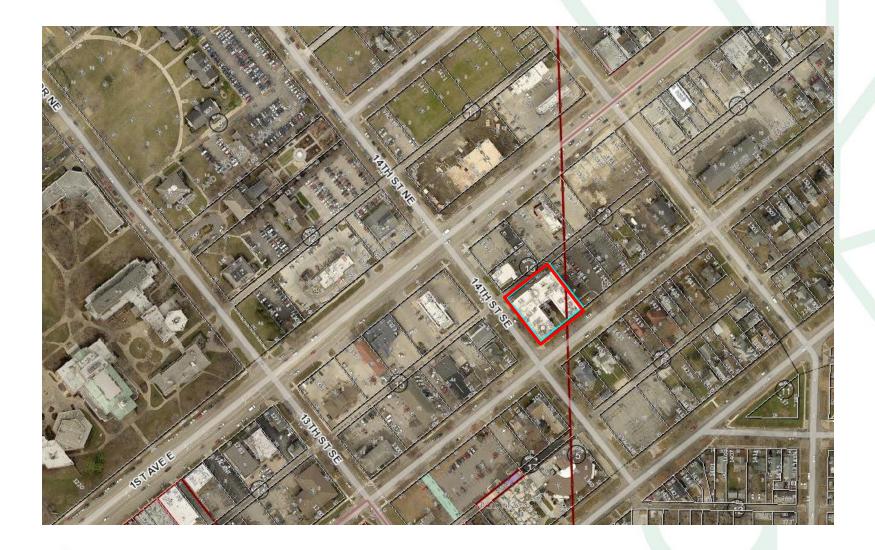
Task	Lead	Completion Timeline
Provide training to the Historic Preservation Commission	Full Commission/Staff	Ongoing: Staff provide new member orientation and one-on-one conversations with new members. Three Commissioners attended the Preserve Iowa Summit.



Section 106 Review

1400 2nd Avenue SE– Commonwealth Building Cellular Equipment













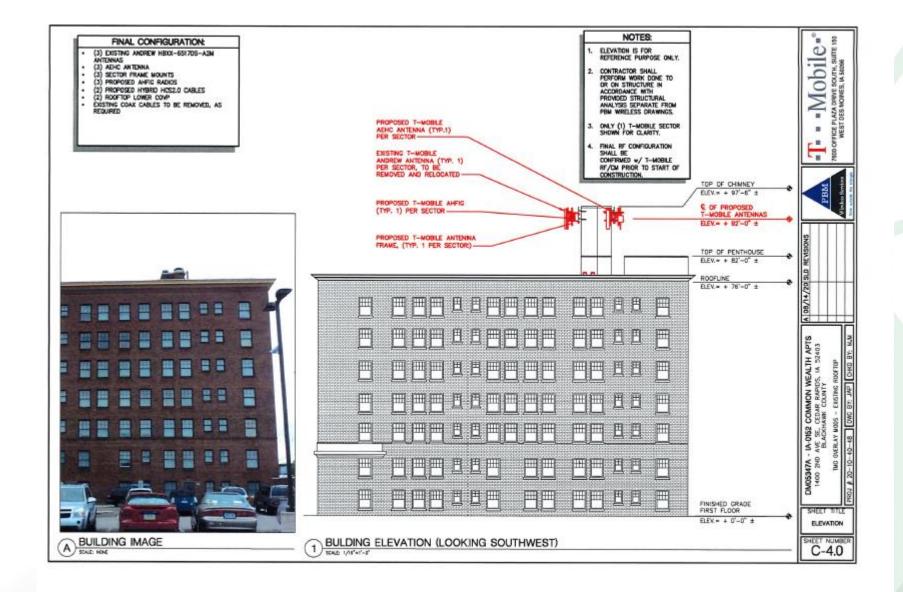


Project Description

 Section 106 review for modifying existing telecommunication facilities on the Commonwealth building







View from North on 1st Ave



City of Cedar Rapids



View from intersection on 1^{st} Ave and 14^{th} St SE





View from 2nd Ave







Update

Certificates of No Material Effect Issued 11/19/20-12/2/20



1515 2nd Ave SE

 Replace roof on house and garage







1509 Park Ave SE

 Replace roof on house and garage with asphalt shingles







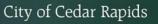
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Demolitions under Mayoral Proclamation 11/19/20-12/2/20



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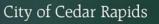




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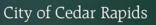






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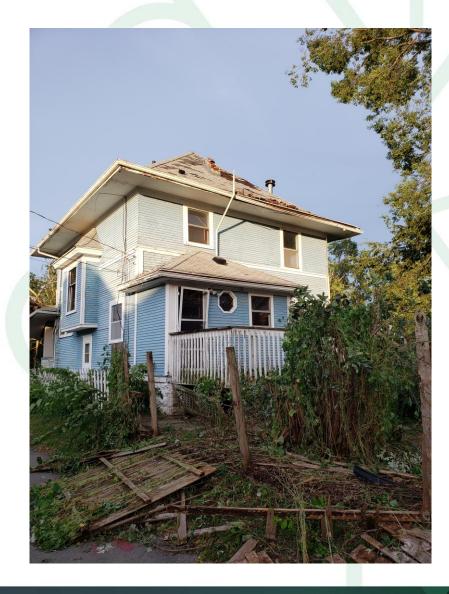


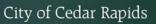






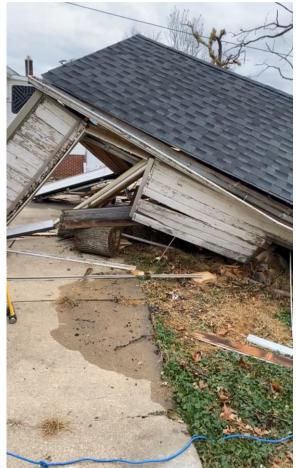




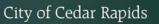




434 19th St NE









631 27th St NW





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