



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

October 26th, 2025 at 2:00 PM
Crete Community Room 1515 Forest Ave

AGENDA

Notice of the meeting was given by posting, the appointed method for giving notice as shown by the attached notice, at the following locations:

City Hall, 243 East 13th Street
Post Office, 1242 Linden Avenue
City Bank and Trust, 1135 Main Avenue

Advance notice of the meeting was also given to committee members. Pursuant to Section 84-1412(8) of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, the City has posted a current copy of the Open meetings Act, Laws of the State of Nebraska, in the back of the council chambers. All proceedings shown were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

1. Open Meeting

2. Roll Call

Janet Jeffries	Present
Jennifer Robison	Present
Scott Kuncel	Present
Tom King	Present
Thom Reeves	Present

3. Consent Agenda

3.A. Approve Meeting Minutes

4. Items of Business

4.A. New Business

4.B. Old Business

4.C. Public Information Meeting

Historic Preservation Commission Chair Dr. Tom King thanked everyone for being there for the presentation and informed everyone that there were refreshments available.

King took Roll Call and all the members were present. King then proceeded to introduce the City Administrator and Commission Director Tom Ourada.

Ourada then stated that Thom Reeves is the newest commission member after Kendra Ordia, Associate Professor of Interior Design of the College of Architecture for the University of Nebraska at Lincoln resigned. Ourada explained that (SHPO) is the State Historic Preservation Office and at a City level things go through the City Council. Kelli Bacon Certified Local Government Coordinator/Outreach Coordinator/ Easement Coordinator with History Nebraska has been helping the commission with the process. For Crete to become a CLG it had to be approved by the National Park Service. A CLG can provide financial incentives.

Ourada explained the timeline of the commission:

- July 2017 began having contact with Bacon about Crete becoming a CLG.
- September 2017 Bacon gave a presentation to the City Council.
- 2017-2019 The council had lots of questions.
- June 2020 and September 2020 there was a presentation downtown.
- July 2022 a draft ordinance went to the Planning Commission and then to the City Council.
- September 2022 there was a fourth meeting with the City Council and the Ordinance passed.
- June 2024 the first Historic Preservation Commission meeting was held, and the commission was seated.
- December 2024 the City Council approved an amendment to the Ordinance.
- February 2025 The National Parks Service informed the City of Crete that the Historic Preservation Commission got approved to be a Certified Local Government.

Ourada stated that it took 7 years and 7 months from inception.

Dr. King proceeded with formal introductions of the commission members.

Commission member Janet Jeffries gave a presentation on Nebraska's Historic Residential Architecture 1850's -1950's

Jeffries explained the 1966 Historic Preservation Act and that in 1974 there was a state survey for historical sites to be nominated to the National Register of Historic Places.

Jeffries stated that the City of Crete has houses and buildings that represent almost every style. Jeffries proceeded with her presentation of the different styles which included Sod "Prairie Marble", Limestone, Log, Vernacular Gothic Revival, Italinete, Shingle Style, Queen Anne, Mission Style and Ranch Style among others.

Jeffries stated that in 2016 there were over 400 sites of historical significance. There will be form for local nominations.

King stated that there will be more meetings to come and this commission is to also to help with economic development. Jeffries stated that they are also an advisory group to help with people wanting to change out windows or other things to their homes so that they are appropriate to the style and history of the home.

Kristi Capek stated that she is the Blue River Arts Council President and next February they will be celebrating that the Isis Theatre is 100 years old. Alison Clevette asked if the local nomination form will be online and Ourada stated that it will be.

Ourada stated that some of the financial incentives are: tax incentives, Micro TIF, and grant opportunities.

King stated that there will be more meetings to come and more information can be found on the City website. Jeffries stated that if anyone wants more information about their house to ask her and she is happy to help them.

5. Petitions - Communications - Resident Concerns

6. Officers' Reports

6.A. Chairperson's Report

6.B. Director's Report

7. Adjournment

Tom King motioned and Scott Kunch seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:01 p.m.

Thom Reeves: Aye, Scott Kunch: Aye, Tom King: Aye, Janet Jeffries: Aye, Jennifer Robison:
Aye