

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.4, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Iowa Vertical Infrastructure Advisory Committee on the date and at the time and location listed below.

Proposed Agenda

Iowa Vertical Infrastructure Advisory Committee

September 11, 2008

10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Main Reception Desk for Tour/Warden's Conference Room for Meeting

Iowa State Penitentiary

31 Avenue G, Fort Madison

Please contact Dean Ibsen at 515-725-2073 or <mailto:Nick.Smith@iowa.gov> by Noon, Wednesday, September 10th, if you will be eating lunch, for transportation or for any special accommodations. Transportation from Des Moines will be provided for committee members upon request and for others depending upon availability. Photography may be permitted at the site with permission of facility administrators, but photos of residents of the facility are not permitted without prior approval from the resident and/or guardian.

The Iowa State Penitentiary, established in 1839 as the territorial prison, is the oldest prison west of the Mississippi. It was built on the cell house principle, first developed at Auburn, New York, between 1819 and 1821. The walls of the Auburn cell houses served as a shell, which enclosed multiple tiers of interior cells. This type of construction was compatible with the Auburn system of strict discipline, including the use of separate cells, "detailed rules and relatively harsh punishment, congregate prison labor to support the prison as much as to punish and reform the prisoner, mandatory attendance at religious programs, congregate dining, and limited education programs focusing in literacy." The prison no longer follows the Auburn system of strict discipline and exhibits many significant architectural additions that reflect prison reform. Three of the cell houses within the prison are in the Iowa State Penitentiary Cell House Historic District.¹

10:00 AM	Assemble at Main Reception Desk for Introductions and Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Overview of Iowa State Penitentiary▪ Tour of Facility
12:00 PM	Lunch
12:30 PM	Call to Order and Roll Call, Introductions and Welcome (Warden's Conference Room) <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Questions and Comments from Committee Members▪ Approval of Minutes of August 14th Meeting (Action Requested)▪ Old Business
12:50 PM	Ongoing Issues/Staff Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Major Maintenance Progress▪ Routine Maintenance Update▪ Alternative Delivery Systems▪ Other Initiatives▪ Staffing, Database, Training
1:00 PM	Consent Calendar
1:10 PM	Brainstorming Session Continued
1:50 PM	Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Questions and Comments from Agency Representatives, Committee Members, Public▪ Next Meeting
2:00 PM	Adjourn

Upcoming Meetings of the Vertical Infrastructure Advisory Committee:

October 9th, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Ankeny Labs. Ankeny, IA
November 13th, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	State Training School, Eldora, IA
December 11th, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Cherokee Mental Health Institute, Cherokee, IA

¹ Joyce McKay, *Iowa State Penitentiary Cellhouses Historic District National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (Des Moines, Iowa: State Historical Society of Iowa, 1992), 12; Weil, 158.