

**Muscatine County Historical Preservation Commission
OFFICIAL MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA**

Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at noon

Muscatine County Administrative Board Room

Call to Order

Roll Call and Guests

Commissioners: Allgood, Beveridge, Bosten, Collins, Daufeldt, Furlong, Koellner, Ochiltree, Pruitt

Guests: Stevens

Order of Business

- A. Approval of Agenda- Koellner
- B. Approval of Minutes- Daufeldt
- C. Approval of Financial Report- Allgood

Old Business

D. Historic Jail Museum Preservation and Reuse Funding -Wertzbaugher, Pruitt

- 1. CLG grant Updates
 - 1. Architect firm – Horizon Architects approved by BOS on Monday, May 17. Wertzbaugher finalized subcontract with Paula Mohr and Sherry Seright. Timeline estimate for completion of CLG and report interval to State. Progress report by Wertzbaugher and Pruitt
- 2. Friends of the Old Jail Update-Beveridge – possible action items
 - 1. Update on funds raised and plans to raise additional funds
- 3. Other Action items
 - 1. Marketing promotion by Musser Library – reference video to commissioners by Collins – Collins
 - 2. All information – photos, documents, and history plus plans to preserve provided to Collins. Costs to develop video and budget.

E. Rural Schools and Churches CLG grant-Daufeldt – possible action items

- 1. Contractor update
 - 1. Draft 1 submitted for Commissioner’s review on April 26 - all commissioners provide status of review – timeline is June 1. Did all commissioners turn comments and additional photographs into Leah Rogers by June 1. Will there be a second draft? Final report to be completed date? How many copies of written report provided to County?
- 2. Marketing and signage of Historic schools and churches – – Furlong, Daufeldt, Pruitt, Ochiltree and Allgood
 - 1. Signage update - permission from landowner if in front of home? Recommend U-shaped steel post and signs similar to Conservation Board. Iowa Prison Industries are best source.

1. (number signs plus costs for signs and posts)
2. Who installs?
2. Universal signage policy for MCHPC projects recommended. Minimal information recommended including name, dates and QR Code to reference additional information go include sign colors and a link to our MAGIC layer. A logo may be considered. – update on this plan – action required
3. County Engineer/State Highway department position on signage location and other details pending from Keith White, County Engineer- update
4. Historic bridges removal and funds available for signage update – Pruitt
5. Other

F. Nichols Area Historic Grants Updates- Pruitt – possible action items

1. Historic Commercial District, Ijem Ave Plans for marker – City agrees to a historic bronze plaque. Allgood will provide info on potential plaques.
 - 2 (Costs, vendor to provide final plaque – Proposed timeline to complete - Pruitt
 - 3 Press release and photos pending.
2. St. Mary’s Church (Agreement signed, nomination documents proceeding, potential timeline)- MCHPC liaison Pruitt
3. Christian Church – Final evaluation by Jennifer Price update status
4. Ben Nichols Home – CLG Grant potential/matching funds – next round of CLG applications – Fall 2021 - Pruitt
5. Friends of Nichols Group for funding matches (use of funds for NHR signage)

G. MCHPC Meeting with West Liberty Heritage Foundation Trustees - Koellner

1. Tallgrass has a proposal to WLHF for nomination of Heritage Park/Depot to NHR. Not completed as of June 1.
2. WLHF is working with City Administration in cooperative effort with city of West Liberty to establish CLG status. WLHF awaiting selection of new city manager.

H. Wilton Historic Neighborhoods – Allgood/ Ochiltree – possible action items

1. WHC plans to approach Leah Rogers regarding potential listing of historic churches, Star Drug, Masonic Temple, and German College. They will also get her suggestion on proceeding later with the historic neighborhoods. – update on three buildings and historic neighborhoods.
2. Ochiltree has over 100,000 historic artifacts for which he needs archives and possible museum presentation. Collins said we may be able to get a grant to digitize some of the written history- update

I. Durant Historic Commission - Allgood/ Ochiltree - possible action items

1. Meeting with Tri-County Historic Commission to discuss common areas of historic preservation – June date – using either zoom platform or in person (date)

J. Historic Fairport Fish Hatchery Master Plan -Stevens, Pruitt, and Bosten - possible action items

1. Iowa DNR Updates. IDNR has approved the nomination for designation on the Historic Register, but without any funding. – 7/1 HRDP potential awarding
2. Demolition dates/ contractors and Documentation of Pump House- 7/1 contractor to begin demolishment – salvage of some stones agreed on.
3. Final design MCHPC/DNR of kiosk/pavilion- Funding update and Friends Group did not receive Carver Foundation grant so other funding required before IDNR finalizes design. Some \$8,000 has been collected by fund raising effort to date. Plans for fundraising – Stevens
4. Funding for Kiosk, trails, signage – An application for a DNR/Education Grant is in preparation to cover signage. QR Codes will be used on signage to provide more detailed information. Grant is for \$47,000 with matching in-kind contributions totaling \$39,500. Update on grant - Stevens
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6. Volunteers from the Commission are needed to help with specific items on the Fish Hatchery. Stevens will send a list of items to Koellner who will in turn send to commissioners and others.
7. Stevens mentioned that a contract between the Friends Group and the Art Center had been finalized to do a mural on one of the Houser Street retaining walls depicting the history of the button industry. Design is due mid-June and painting by October 1. Janet Hoopes is doing the creation. Update on this project and news release. - Stevens
8. Marketing Media (brochure development and media releases) There is a brochure for the Hatchery. If this was contracted – who could do this publicity? MCC student – U of I student
9. Iowa DNR REAP grant application by Friends Group (Update)

K. Create National Historic Register Inventory for Muscatine County – Collins - possible action items

1. Plans for development of Inventory

1. Collect existing marketing information from multiple sources
2. Prepare documents for each site – digital with potential paper
3. Update MAGIC with locations of historic places (cemeteries (GenWeb), facilities, districts, transportation, other historic buildings present in the county) – possible use of summer student

J. Muscatine County Historic Cemeteries – Furlong - possible discussion with cemetery trustees regarding details on cemetery – history – date founded– who is buried - possible action items

1. Develop list of local people who have families buried in small cemeteries and begin to develop list of those interred. Signage at cemeteries and more public information.

K. Plans for 2021 - possible action items

1. Collaborate with Muscatine City Historic Preservation Commission for potential zoom meeting to share common preservation
2. West Liberty Fair Grounds amphitheater - Koellner
3. Location of Grange Halls in Muscatine County – Commissioners who surveyed townships gather historic facts on Halls
4. Transportation in Muscatine County - Stagecoach routes, railroads, depots, ferry crossings, early highways (Highway 6 and travel cabins), interurban from Davenport to Muscatine, old rail depots and supporting buildings and businesses. old bridges – later in 2021-22

L. Upcoming Meeting – July 14 or August 11

L. Open Discussion