

Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission

OFFICIAL MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at noon

Virtual Meeting

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CDT)

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1. Call to order Monthly meeting Muscatine County Historic Commission – July 8 2020 – at 12.:06 pm by Chair Koellner
Commissioners Present on the call: Bill Koellner, Jane Daufeldt, Lynn Pruitt, Mary Beveridge,
Commissioners Not on the Call: Jamie Bosten, Lisa Wertzbaugher, Lynn Ochiltree, Terry Eagle, Beckey Allgood
Others present on call: Sandy Stevens and Angie Weikert
2. Order of Business
 - a. Review June 10, 2020 meeting minutes (Daufeldt) No additions or correction to the minutes as submitted. Will need to wait for approval until there is a quorum of commissions.
 - b. Treasurer Report (Allgood) None provided

NOTE: Koellner requested a change in the order of the agenda items. He asked that the Stevens and Weikert provide an update for Eagle to item h. because they had a conflict for time. See notes in the item h. below.

 - c. Meeting reviews by members since last meeting other than covered below (All) None mentioned outside of the individual reports..
 - d. Status, discussion and possible action of Historic Jail Museum/Archive potential grants and fund-raising. Application for CLG by September 2020

and HRDP in Spring 2021 (Wertzbaugher) Possible action. No report given.

- e. Field Services Grant completed for Historic neighborhoods in West Liberty and Wilton – Recommendation from Tallgrass to apply for CLG for Wilton and West Liberty – (Wilton has CLG, West Liberty does not) Wilton (Allgood): No report for Wilton given. West Liberty (Koellner) reported that he is looking for a someone to write a separate CLG for West Liberty. Possible action may be required. No action taken.
- f. Discussion of CLG Grant for County Schools and Churches. Status of volunteers and training of volunteers. (Daufeldt, Pruitt) Timeline for training, and completion of grant. Possible action may be required. Daufeldt gave an update on the number of township volunteers. Currently there are five townships that do not have volunteers: Fulton, Lake, Moscow, Orono, and Sweetland. The remaining 9 have at least one volunteer. Pruitt said he would take on Orono with Pike and Koellner will add Moscow to Wapsinonoc. It was suggested that Daufeldt also contact Scott Sauer and Ed Askew to ask about persons that might be interested in the remaining townships. Daufeldt reported that Leah Rogers, with Tallgrass will schedule Zoom training in July for the volunteers rather than in person due to Covid.
- g. Status of NRHP for Nichols Historic Commercial District decision with SNRC, comments by SNRC on June 12 meeting, further action by consultant, and submittal for approval by Federal government– (Pruitt); SNRC approved Nichols Historic Commercial District; now awaiting approval by National Park Service. Update on Field Services Report on Nichols Saint Mary's Church. (Pruitt) – other ways MCHPC can help property owners (Pruitt) Possible action. Saint Mary's Church eligibility still questionable; Townsend Nichols Home deemed not eligible.
- h. Update of discussion and possible action on protecting historic building(s) at Fairport State Fish Hatchery including discussions with DNR. (Eagle, Boston, Stevens)

The big news is the pumphouse building has been removed from the DNR budget and will not be torn down at this time. Meetings continue with DNR. A meeting was requested by the DNR 's head, Kayla Lyons, and is scheduled for July 14,2020. However, no agenda was provided. A report on status of the meeting will follow for next month. Ground penetrating radar will start July 13th on the hillside across from the hatchery. Status of Technical Assistance Grant with McCarley is still work in progress. Funding will be determined by the cooperation of the commission and the button museum.

- i. CLG grants – Priority for GLG grants – Historic Jail, Ijem Avenue NH District, Fish Hatchery, Wilton Historic District, West Liberty Historic District, other. Possible action.
 2. Upcoming meetings (See item h,)
 3. Open Discussion - None
 4. Confirm next meeting date and location – August 12 Noon
- Adjourned at 12:40 pm