

Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission
OFFICIAL MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
12 Noon, Wednesday, April 12, 2023
At Muscatine County Environmental Learning Center
3300 Cedar Street
Muscatine, IA 52761

Call to Order, Roll Call and Guests; Introduce and welcome new members.

Commissions present: Allgood, Beveridge, Daufeldt, Furlong, Harper, Hyink, Koellner, Pruitt, Snyder

Excused: Bovenmyer, Hills

Guests: Kala Naber

- A. Approval of Agenda- Furlong Changed the order to discuss the New Business Item B.8. first. Agenda approved as amended. Koellner 1st and Harper 2nd, all present AYE. Passed.
- B. Approval of Minutes- March- Daufeldt distributed the minutes of the March minutes in March. Motion to accept the minutes as distributed by Koellner and 2nd by Pruitt. All present voted Aye.
- C. Receipt of Financial Reports (CFGM Friends and County) – Daufeldt distributed the financial reports from the Muscatine County and the fund balances and activity in the Community Foundation prior to the meeting. Motion to accept the reports was made by Harper and 2nd by Koellner. All present voted Aye.

Old Business

- A. County Schools and Churches Sign Order Update-Pruitt reported all the 12”x18” for West Liberty and Wilton were ordered. These will be on 8’ot posts. There was an issue with one sign in Sweetland/Wilton townships (same school, but two different political subdivisions over the years) A New sign will be ordered to appropriately designate the names that were in use while the school was still being used. The school was known as Sweetland or Pleasant Valley School. Pruitt is working with the landowner.
- B. Nichols House nomination update-Pruitt the nomination is being submitted to the State for approval and we will most likely hear about the status in June 2023.
- C. Fairport Fish Hatchery nomination update-Pruitt reported that the nomination papers were sent to the State.

Naber informed the commission that a public meeting is necessary to approval a proposed nomination for and HRDP (Historic Research and Development Program) grant. DNR’s Andy Fowler should be present along with Rebecca McCalley from SPARK Consulting to move the grant request forward. A presentation will be requested from SPARK at the next meeting in May.

Pruitt also reported that the Ribbon Cutting (12:30pm April 21); Earth Day (1am – 3pm April 22) and Day of Caring (May 12) are all scheduled. All events are related to the new Historic Interpretive trail system locate at 3390 Highway 22. Food trucks will be available for the Earth Day event.

Work continues to the pavilion. The footings are in, and the slab should be poured, weather permitting, by April 22.

- D. County Friends Group summary of March 8 meeting-Pruitt, Harper & Beveridge attended the meeting. Those present approved putting the County Friends funds in the Community

Foundation with the City Friends funds account. Beveridge will report next month on the City Friends Group meeting.

Side Note: The Heritage Foundation in West Liberty has purchased several books for resale to the public.

New Business

- A. HRDP 2023 Grant application update for Wilton Historic Neighborhoods Survey – Allgood & Bovenmyer. Allgood reported that the draft version has been submitted to SHPO for the Wilton CLG (Certified Local Government) HRDP grant. The final version is due by May 1, 2023. Tallgrass is the consultant that was chosen by Wilton. The request is for \$18K from the State, Wilton will match \$5K and the balance will be made through in-kind services.
- B. Committee Assignments
 1. Status of Transportation RFP-(Commissioners voted to approve Consultant Proposal from Spark Consulting) - Bill Koellner will recommend this proposal for approval by the County Board of supervisors on April 24.
 2. Mulberry Project with City-Mary will bring her notes to May meeting.
 3. Fairport Fish Hatchery Friends Group update-Pruitt/Stevens
 - i. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony-April 21 @ 12:30 p.m.
 - ii. Earth Day Celebration-April 22 @ 10 a.m. to 3:00 (per Muscatine Journal on April 13.)
 4. Churches and Schools Signage Installation in Wilton and Fulton Townships-Allgood reported that they are waiting for the spring weather to complete these rural signs.
 5. 2023 May Historical Month-Pruitt reported that there will be a luncheon with presentations by Pruitt and Galoso for the City of Muscatine and Muscatine County HPCs. Accomplishments and future projects will be discussed. Registration information is on the City of Muscatine’s HPC Facebook page. Cost is \$40.
 - i. May 20th, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. @ Button Museum
 6. 2025 State Summit-Pruitt & Galoso/Limberg Plans are still being formulated for a joint hosting of the 2025 Summit.
 7. Report on WL Heritage Foundation Board meeting-Bill
 8. Discussion of Meeting Times/Dates/Locations-possible action. Action was taken to provide a more convenient date for commissioners and staff that may have a conflict on the second Wednesday of the month to the third Tuesday of the month. The change will be effective in May and the date of the next meeting will be May 16, 2023. Moved and 2nd by Koellner and Harper. All present voting Aye.

Tentative Next Meeting: the 3rd Tuesday, May 16, 12 Noon @ Muscatine County Environmental



HPC Financial Report
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