

**Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission**  
**OFFICIAL PUBLIC and**  
**MONTHLY MEETINGS MINUTES**  
**12 Noon, Tuesday, May 16, 2023**  
**At Muscatine County Administration Building**  
**414 East Third Street**  
**Muscatine, IA 52761**

**PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA**

1. Call meeting to Order and Roll Call: Meeting Furlong, called to order at 12:02 P.M.  
Commissioners Present: Bovenmyer, Daufeldt, Furlong, Harper, Koellner, Pruitt, Snyder.  
Not present: Allgood (excused), Beveridge, Hills, Hyink (no response)  
Guests: Kala Naber
2. Approval of agenda – all present voting to approved as presented.
3. Public meeting on the Fairport Biological Station Historic District National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) Nomination
  - a. Roll call of Commission Members See above item 1.
  - b. Names of others in attendance See above item 1.
  - c. Presentation of nomination proposal with Lynn Pruitt, MCHPC Member  
Pruitt went over the application’s key points of historical and cultural significance. Including the history of the 60-acre campus uses as a fishery station, POW camp during WWII, Senior housing. The State and National economic impact for the regional waterways and employment.
  - d. Comments and questions
    - i. Commission Members The topics covered by Pruitt and commissions were presented in Pruitt’s nomination proposal.
    - ii. General Public: None present.
  - e. Commission Members vote to approve or deny the application.  
Koellner moved and was second by Bovenmyer to approve the nomination proposal. All present voting, aye with a roll call vote.
  - f. Adjournment of public meeting: Adjourned at 12:24 PM

**MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA**

- A. Monthly meeting of the Muscatine County Historic Preservation called to order at 12:24PM
- B. Approval of Agenda- Furlong recommended one change in item C -correct approval month to April of the Minutes. Agenda approved as corrected.
- C. Approval of Minutes- ~~March~~ April: Daufeldt presented the minutes with one syntax correction to Naber for the official record.
- D. Receipt of Financial Reports (CFGM Friends and County) – Daufeldt emailed the financial position for the Commission in the County and in the Community Foundation balances. The reports were accepted by the Commission members as presented- all present voting Aye.

Old Business

1. County Schools and Churches Project

- a. Sign Order Update-Pruitt reported that he will be ordering the big signs to fill various gaps within the county. The smaller signs for in-town sites are received and awaiting invoice from the State Prison Systems. Koellner reported that he had a check for \$100 from the sale of the schools and churches books by the West Liberty Heritage group.
  - b. Plan for installing signs in the towns of West Liberty and Wilton-Bill and Becky A. Bovenmyer, Koellner and Pruitt will be in touch with representatives to schedule.
  - c. Churches and Schools Signage Installation in Wilton area-Allgood. No report formally given.
2. Nichols House update-Pruitt reported that the application was submitted to SNRC and awaiting their approval.
  3. Fairport Fish Hatchery update-Pruitt reported the following:
    - a. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony-April 21@ 12:30 p.m. The event was well attended and covered by KWQC.
    - b. Earth Day Celebration-April 22 @ 10 a.m. The weather was a factor for attendance. It was cold and windy. Furlong remarked that the signage on the trails was impressive.
    - c. The Muscatine High School football team volunteered to clean out the barn. There will be another clean- up day with volunteers provided by the summer interns of some of the local employers on June 28 morning only.
  4. HRDP 2023 Grant application update for Wilton Historic Neighborhoods Survey – Allgood & Bovenmyer. Tallgrass is working with Allgood. Pruitt helped with reviewing the budget of about \$20k for the 3 neighborhoods. Allgood was aware of the deadline for submittal and was planning on having the grant papers submitted on time.

#### New Business

1. Transportation Project-Koellner reported that SPARK Consulting was chosen for the project. There will be a public meeting to explain the goals and projects that are the scope of the grant. Willing Commissioners and other volunteers will be assigned work to investigate and gather information regarding topics covered in the transportation grant. This process will be like what was done with the rural schools and churches CLG grant. The example was given of Ardon as a small town due to the presence of the railroad. At one time a depot, stock yard, rooming house, single family homes, and a church were all created due to the railroad.  
**A public meeting will take place on June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at the Environmental Learning Center at 6:30 PM.** All commissioners are asked to come at 6:00 to help set up the room.  
 Naber will send out a notice of the meeting to the normal meeting notice list and to Furlong, Koellner and Daufeldt to provide information and notice to local news outlets and social media.
2. Mulberry Project with City-Beveridge not present, no report.
3. 2023 May Historical Month-Pruitt & Galoso  
 May 20<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. @ Button Museum - Pruitt reminded the Commissioners to make their reservation today in order to be included. There will be presentations by the City and County HPC and the revitalization efforts of the City to provide incentives for investment in the downtown.

4. Iowa Preservation Summit, June 1-3, Sioux City – Pruitt is a presenter. He will be sharing the importance of Friends Groups to Historic Preservation. Highlighted will be the Fairport Fish Hatchery.
5. 2025 State Summit-Pruitt & Galoso/Limberg No report given.
6. Additional items:

Fruit and Vegetable growers' history in Muscatine County especially in the Island area and with major employers like HJ Heinz. Possible resources are George Taylor, Schmidt's, Jimmy Hyink, Wayne Schulze, and hoping to find others interested in the history documentary.

Cemeteries in the County. Daufeldt, is working with County Auditor and Attorney identify and locations on the HPC's MAGIC Map.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER...**

**PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING: June 12, Monday for Transportation Grant at 6:30PM in the Environmental Learning Center.**

**NOTE: Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 20, 12 Noon @ Muscatine County Administration Center**



HPC Financial Report  
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