

**Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission
OFFICIAL MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
12 Noon, Wednesday, June 8, 2022
At County Administration Building**

Call to Order

Roll Call and Guests

Commissioners Present: Beveridge, Daufeldt, Koellner, Pruitt, Furlong

Excused: Allgood, Collins, Ochiltree, Shoultz

Guest: Sherry Seright, Michael Baxter, Paul Carroll

Order of Business

- A. **Approval of Agenda- Moved and 2nd to approve, all present voting aye.**
- B. **Approval of Minutes- May 11, 2022- Moved and 2nd to approve, all present voting aye**
- C. **Approval of Financial Reports (CFGM Friends and County) – moved to accept as submitted all voting aye.**

Old Business

- A. **Historic Jail Museum Preservation and Reuse Funding - Pruitt (possible action items)**
 - 1. **Design Update** –Results of meeting with County Board of Supervisors. – Pruitt and Nolan provided presentation to the BOS, and it was positively received.
 - 2. **Friends of the Old Jail fundraising – pledges and income to CFGM** – Review of income from letters and personal contacts – Beveridge -provided the financial info in the Community Foundation report with no new significant contributions.
 - 3. **Other Action items - Marketing promotion – Collins** No report provided. However, Daufeldt said she would work with the videographer, Chad Yocum on outside shots. He is now filming the City’s churches for the City HPC,
 - 4. HRDP Grant application for consultant services during bidding and construction for the back half of the Historic Jail was submitted and is still pending.
 - 5. Historic Iowa marker for Historic Jail – status – Pruitt – still pending with the sign company.
 - 6. Beveridge requested more copies of the updated Historic Jail brochure. Pruitt was going to send her a copy of the file and she can arrange with staff to print.
- B. **Rural Schools and Churches CLG grant-Daufeldt – possible action items**
 - 1. **Copies sold to date** – about 95 copies have been sold. There are still a few copies at Button Museum, Pruitt was going to order 10 more copies.
 - 2. **Finalization of MAGIC Page** – update Daufeldt explained that as the signs are set for each township that the GIS coordinates need to be checked by each of the commissioners.
 - 3. **Marketing and signage of Historic schools and churches update– – Furlong, Daufeldt, Pruitt, Ochiltree and Allgood** It was learned that the signs need to be

approved by the State Historic Preservation Office. Pruitt and Furlong are working on the approval.

4. **Status of Order of signs from Iowa Prison Industries** -The remainder of the township signs are on hold pending approval of the signs/
5. **Correspondence with landowners – Response from landowners for placement.** Daufeldt still working with 2 locations. No signs will be ordered for buildings in West Liberty, Wilton, and Muscatine. Very good comments about the Pike Township signs which have all been installed.
6. **Presentation to Iowa Summit using Historic Bridge Funds** – Commissioner Pruitt presented at the Iowa Summit. He explained how the funds were used by our commission from mitigation funds for historic bridge replacements.

C. Nichols Historic Area Grants – possible action

1. **Placement of historic district sign** – Waiting on the rock that will be used to mount the sign.
2. **Nichols home contract with consultant** – Jennifer Price is working with home owners.
3. **St. Mary’s Church – National Park Service designation** Waiting for Jennifer Price to respond to SNRC comments.

D. West Liberty Area

1. **CRI & P Depot – National Park Service Designation update** – still pending

2. **Discussion with Tallgrass on Historic neighborhoods for West Liberty and Wilton following Windshield surveys** -- Planning on an HRDP application in Feb2023 to help fund the West Liberty and possibly the Wilton Historic Neighborhoods.

It was also mentioned that the stagecoach Inn from 1838 is being investigated so it would be possibly moved to the area near the West Liberty historic depot. All this needs to be discussed with the SHPO to make sure the history is preserved. Koellner will draft a letter to the West Liberty Heritage Foundation to formally voice the concerns on the record.

3. **Historic Iowa sign at CRI & P Depot update** – Waiting on the sign company

E. Wilton Historic Neighborhoods – Allgood/ Ochiltree Buildings or Districts to be nominated in 2022– No discussion

F. Historic Fairport Fish Hatchery Master Plan -Stevens, Pruitt - possible action items

1. **Signage – 175th year – approved by State of Iowa - - Stevens (sign order and deliver date)** –update
2. **Historic Trails – update**
3. **Nastional Historic Register** – Rebecca McCarley has collected additional information and is starting to write the draft nomination
4. **Pavilion Funding status – update**
5. **The following is a written report submitted by Sandy Stevens:**

Interpretive Signs: (1) WE are still waiting to receive the design template from the State of Iowa DNR. We have been waiting for the template for 6 months, so theoretically it may come to us (and others) by the end of June, as the consultant is supposedly addressing the final review

comments. (2) The narratives/sign text for all interpretive trails on the North and South trails are completed, reviewed, and good to go whenever the design template arrives.

Interpretive Trail Maps: (1) Gary Whitacre proved us with drone mapping of the hatchery and CAD map of the hatchery to use as a baseline map. (2) Landmark Archaeology (in NY-very good friend of mine) has provided GIS mapping of the archaeological ruins and the 1914 and 1950s buildings. (3) Jim Elias (Sunrise Galleries) will provide the final touches to the maps. The final version of the map, which should be completed by early July, will be published as a two-sided brochure style trail map to guide visitors throughout the hatchery trails.

Pavilion Design and Other Related Tasks: (1) Gary Whitacre has prepared several survey maps of the pavilion location and the adjoining ADA parking lot. Gary recommended we ask Eric Furnas of the County Zoning Commission (or whatever they are called) for a building variance so that we can move the parking facility 8 feet north which would be within the required setback from the edge of the right-of-way. (2) Christopher Shoemaker, architect, has completed preliminary drawings of the exterior and interior of the pavilion. Christopher and Lynn(?), along with assistance from Gary, will request a formal variance at their next meeting, which is July. Christopher has to have applied for the variance by FR June 10. (3) I have been working with Christopher to fine tune his cost estimate, which when completed will be in the neighborhood of the other estimates we have received, i.e., \$100,000-\$110,000. (4) Randy Schultz (DNR) has agreed to allow us to (a) use their mitigation funding (ca. \$27,000) toward the concrete work for the pavilion and parking lot, and (b) he has agreed to allow FFFH more time to raise funds for the pavilion construction, in the meantime, we can use the DNR funds this year for the concrete work because there funding has to be spend by the end of the calendar year (yes we were granted an extension to the end of the calendar year and not the fiscal year).

EQIP (Environmental Quality Improvement Project) NRCS funded: (1) We did not get funded for this project. The project is designed to reduce, if not eradicate, the invasive honeysuckle on the 13+ acre hillside, north of Highway 22. Evidently, no Phase 2 EQIP projects were funded across the state. (2) This project is automatically rolled over to Phase 1 projects for 2023. By adding projects to our application, we are more likely to be funded in 2023. Thus, will be working with DNR staff to add two additional projects to our application. In addition to removing invasive species, we will be requesting funding for a 2-acre pollinator field behind the barn and next to the highway, and we will also be erecting bluebird nests across the southern part of the hatchery. Eric Adam, NRCS officer, is confident we will be funded in 2023.

Muscatine Charities Golf Event: I am personally sponsoring (\$500) a golf hole (hole #14) for the charity event. We will have our logo on the 14th hole and will be allowed to have a table with handouts on the 14th tee box. Two people will be allowed to attend the luncheon for free, I

am probably going to play in the event, so two people beside myself can attend. Paul is one of them, and either my wife or perhaps Lynn, if he is interested, can be the other person.

Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine: FFFH submitted an Impact Grant application (5/30) for funding to replace the old unsafe and dilapidated bridge across the creek and construct a new safe and ADA compliant bridge. The bridge will connect the east and west sides of the South Trail, and will bring visitors to the site of the future outdoor learning center, an observation deck above a research pond next to the LACMERS building.

Miscellaneous: (1) Our design for expanding the mural on Houser Street has been approved and funding (additional \$200 for paint and supplies) has been tentatively approved by the Public Art Commission. Janet Hoopes has agreed to continue to do the art work, and I will be paying her with my personal funds. (2) Historical Marker from the State Historical Society of Iowa: Sewah Studios the state contractor for production of the signs has not received their design template, but it should be done in the next 2-3 weeks. If they get the template by the end of June, we should have the marked by the end of August or first of September and have it mounted and erected by mid- to late-September.

There is other stuff, but that is more than enough for now. Other stuff is less important for the time being.

G. Muscatine County historic businesses --Fruit and Vegetables Industry – Commissioner Shoultz was to examine research on information previously compiled. Discussion on next steps - Shoultz and Board There was some discussion about the growers, canners, and processors of local produce... HJ Heinz, West Liberty Foods, vegetables growers from lower Muscatine County. Shoultz indicated he might have to resign due to his wife's health. Becky Furlong will be contacting him to clarify. Other commissioners were encouraged to start collecting historic information for this project.

H. Muscatine County Fair Grounds amphitheater – Koellner/Pruitt/

1. Update on Consultant work on Fairgrounds amphitheater There are several local West Liberty Fairground people that are working with the consultant Watersmith Engineering. Once design is complete, they will need to find funding sources for construction.

I. Potential 2022 work areas

- 1. Selecting locations for Muscatine County Historic Register and possible signage by townships**
- 2. Location of Grange Halls, old Depots, towns no longer in existence in Muscatine County –**
- 3. 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– Pruitt will check with Rebecca McCarley on how to approach this project.

4. 4.Placement on MAGIC other historic locations to include cemeteries

J. Next meeting – Either July 13 (if needed) or August 10. It was decided that the commission would not meet in July unless there was an action item that required the commission to vote. **Next Meeting would be on August 10, 2022 with location to be determined.**

The Meeting Adjourned at 1:11 PM

Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission			
FY 2021/22			
YTD June 8, 2022			
	Fund Balance:	37,174.59	
	Encumbered/Committed:		
	HRDP Fish Hatchery Nomination	(14,430.00)	
	CLG Grant - Benjamin Nichols House	(4,200.00)	
	CLG Grant - Fairgrounds Amphitheater	(16,000.00)	
	IA Historic Marker Grant	(1,970.00)	
	Bridge replacement mitigation (for signage)	(11,335.44)	
		Budget Balance	Fund Shortage
	Unencumbered Fund Balance: \$ (10,760.85) \$ 40,650.44 (12,968.05)		
	Grants Receivable:		
	CLG - Historic Jail Design-Nolan	\$ 9,600.00	
	HRDP Grant- Fish Hatchery Nomination	\$ 6,310.00	
	CLG Grant - Benjamin Nichols House	\$ 3,700.00	
	CLG Grant - Fairgrounds Amphitheater	\$ 9,600.00	
		Budget	YTD
		44,130.00	Expenditures
			Balance
			40,650.44
	BUDGET:		
	Commission Expenses	3,000.00	(792.80)
	Signage	2,000.00	(1,686.76)
	CLG Grant - Benjamin Nichols House	4,200.00	4,200.00
	CLG Grant - Fairgrounds Amphitheater	16,000.00	16,000.00
	Fish Hatchery nomination-McCarley	18,930.00	(1,000.00)
	TOTAL		(3,479.56)
			40,650.44
	PROJECTS:		
	HRDP Grant - Fish Hatchery	Budget	To Date
			Balance
	Expenditures:		
	Fish Hatchery nomination	18,930.00	(4,500.00)
			14,430.00
	Revenue:		
	Grant Reimb-State of Iowa	12,620.00	6,310.00
	Cash Match-HPC-encumbered	6,310.00	6,310.00
		18,930.00	6,310.00
			12,620.00
	CLG Grant - Benjamin Nichols House	Budget	To Date
			Balance
	Expenditures:		
	National Register Nomination	6,192.00	4,200.00
	In kind match	(1,992.00)	
	Revenue:		
	Grant Reimb-State of Iowa	3,700.00	3,700.00
	Cash Match-HPC-encumbered	500.00	500.00
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	CLG Grant - Fairgrounds Amphitheater	Budget	To Date
			Balance
	Expenditures:		
	Planning Project	16,000.00	16,000.00
	Revenue:		
	Grant Reimb-State of Iowa	9,600.00	9,600.00
	Cash Match-Fair Board-encumbered	6,400.00	6,400.00
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Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine
Friends of Historic Jail

Date	Name	Memo	Donations	Interest	Expenses	BALANCE
2019						
10/9/2019	Comm Foundation	Donation - Historic Jail Revitalization	25.00			25.00
10/31/2019	James Nepple	Donation - Historic Jail Revitalization	107.80			132.80
11/14/2019	Paul/Bonnie Reeb	Donation - Historic Jail Revitalization	15.00			147.80
12/31/2019		<i>Interest-4th Qtr</i>		1.68		149.48
2020						
1/1/2020		<i>Fund Management Fees</i>			(25.00)	124.48
1/29/2020	East IA Light & Power	Donation - Historic Jail Revitalization	100.00			224.48
3/3/2020	City of Wilton	Donation - Historic Jail Revitalization	1,000.00			1,224.48
3/31/2020		<i>Interest 1st Qtr</i>		3.30		1,227.78
6/30/2020		<i>Interest 2nd Qtr</i>		3.69		1,231.47
7/1/2020		<i>Fund Management Fees</i>			(25.00)	1,206.47
9/30/2020		<i>Interest 3rd Qtr</i>		2.93		1,209.40
12/31/2020		<i>Interest-4th Qtr</i>		2.94		1,212.34
2021						
1/1/2021		<i>Fund Management Fees</i>			(16.67)	1,195.67
3/31/2021		<i>Interest 1st Qtr</i>		1.57		1,197.24
6/30/2021		<i>Interest 2nd Qtr</i>		2.47		1,199.71
7/1/2021		<i>Fund Management Fees</i>			(25.00)	1,174.71
9/30/2021		<i>Interest 3rd Qtr</i>		5.02		1,179.73
11/23/2021	Samuel, Cynthia		500.00			1,679.73
12/20/2021	Beveridge, Martha	Donation - Historic Jail Revitalization	1,500.00			3,179.73
12/30/2021	Beveridge, Mary	Donation - Historic Jail Revitalization	1,500.00			4,679.73
12/31/2022	Monsted, Mary	Donation - Historic Jail Revitalization	25.00			4,704.73
12/31/2022	Brady, Jay		50.00			4,754.73
12/31/2022		<i>Interest 4th Qtr</i>		16.69		4,771.42
2022						
1/1/2022		<i>Fund Management Fees</i>			(92.41)	4,679.01
1/31/2022		<i>Investment Income(Loss)</i>		(10.08)		4,668.93
2/28/2022		<i>Investment Income(Loss)</i>		6.81		4,675.74
3/7/2022	Fokken, Michael		87.50			4,763.24
3/31/2022		<i>Interest 4th Qtr</i>		(1.37)		4,761.87
4/30/2022		<i>Investment Income(Loss)</i>		1.86		4,763.73