

Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission
OFFICIAL MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
12 Noon, Wednesday, August 10, 2022
At Muscatine County Environmental Learning Center
3300 Cedar Street
Muscatine, IA 52761

Call to Order

Roll Call and Guests

Commissioners present: Allgood, Beveridge, Daufeldt, Koellner, Pruitt

Commissioners excused: Ochiltree, Furlong

Guests: Fred Galoso and April Limburg from the City of Muscatine Historic Preservation Commission

- A. **Approval of Agenda- Koellner** -Approved as submitted
- B. **Approval of Minutes- June 8- Daufeldt** Minutes approved as submitted
- C. **Receipt of Financial Reports (CFGM Friends and County) – Daufeldt** no report

Old Business

A. Historic Jail Museum Preservation and Reuse Funding - Pruitt (possible action items)

- 1. **Update – Friends of the Old Jail fundraising – pledges and income to CFGM** – Review of income from letters and personal contacts – Beveridge No change in status. Beveridge requested an update and 25 copies of the brochure. Pruitt will provide.
- 2. **Marketing promotion** – Daufeldt reported that the videographer was on leave. No progress at this time. Thought that the library was still amenable providing resources after Collins’ retirement.
- 3. **HRDP application** – Info update – Pruitt reported that the HRDP grant was rejected by the state. Allgood mentioned that a possible Community Catalyst Grant might be possible if the building was used as a meeting center. Beveridge suggested the space be used for archival items.
- 4. Historic Iowa marker for Historic Jail – status – Pruitt reported that marker for the Jail was delayed for all Iowa markers due to manufacturing backlog.

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

- 1. **Copies sold to date** – Pruitt reported that over 100 books have now been sold.
- 2. **Finalization of Beacon Page** – Daufeldt reported that the MAGIC map will be verified for the exact location of the signs when the commissioners confirm the locations. There are APPs available on iPhone for the GIS positions.
- 3. **Marketing and signage of Historic schools and churches update– – Furlong, Daufeldt, Pruitt, Ochiltree and Allgood**
- 4. **Status of Order of signs from Iowa Prison Industries** Signs were ordered July 20 and should arrive Sept 14 for the remaining 13 townships (Pike is finished).

Pruitt asked that the commissioners that located the sites with the consultant please help locate them for the flags, locator services, and final placements of the posts and signs. Post need to be three feet in the ground and perfectly vertical. Allgood offered to contact REC to see if they would help with the placement of the poles for the signs. Pruitt will also solicit Day of Caring to help with a few of the sign posts.

5. **Sign Placement** – Pruitt requested that all commissioners contact him about placements for their townships.

C. Nichols Historic Area Grants – possible action

1. **Placement of historic district sign** – Pruitt is still waiting for the location to be prepared by a volunteer. This is the last step to complete the project.
2. **Nichols home contract with consultant** – Jennifer Price is working on the project and Pruitt is doing some local research.
3. **St. Mary’s Church – National Park Service designation status update** Pruitt is still waiting for word from the consultant, Price.

D. West Liberty Area

1. **CRI & P Depot – National Park Service Designation update** After the meeting Koellner received a CLG grant notification of Listing. (See attached file)
2. **Discussion with Tallgrass on Historic neighborhoods for West Liberty and Wilton following Windshield surveys – West Liberty has 3 areas; Third and Fourth Street from Columbus to Corn Street and Calhoun Street from Fifth Street to Maxson Avenue – discussion and possible action items...**

MOTION: It was moved by Pruitt and seconded by Allgood to include the historic neighborhoods identified in the original windshield surveys for Wilton and West Liberty and to apply for an HRDP grant to fund an intensive level survey to develop Historic Neighborhood Districts in both West Liberty and Wilton. All present voting YEA.

3. **Historic Iowa sign at CRI & P Depot update** Koellner is waiting for notice of approval.

E. Wilton Historic Neighborhoods – Allgood/ Ochiltree – possible action items The action taken is in the motion above, D.2. MOTION.

F. Buildings or Districts to be nominated in areas other than Wilton and West Liberty in 2022 – Board Discussion See above motion, D.2.MOTION.

G. 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)** –Still waiting for Iowa DNR to provide a template for the signs.
2. **Historic Trails** – Pruitt announced that the Friends Group is applying for a grant from the Roy Carver Charitable Trust for partial funding on the pavilion. And a Impact Grant was awarded from the Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine to help fund replacement of a dilapidated trail bridge.
3. **National Historic Register - update**
4. **Pavilion Funding status – update**

H. Muscatine County historic businesses --Fruit and Vegetables Industry – Need more research from residents on Island before beginning of historic documents. Discussion on next steps – Board No discussion, due to time constraints.

- I. Muscatine County Fair Grounds amphitheater – Koellner/Pruitt/**
 - 1. Update on Consultant work on Fairgrounds amphitheater.** The consultant, Watersmith Engineering is working on the project and are in touch with SHPO regarding historic features.
- J. CLG application for Survey of transportation development in Muscatine County, Iowa including river, roads, ferries, stagecoach and railroads – discussion and action**
MOTION: It was moved by Pruitt and seconded by Allgood to apply for a CLG grant to document the history of transportation in Muscatine County. All YEAs.
- K. Joint meeting with City of Muscatine Historic Preservation Commission along with invitations to West Liberty, Wilton, Durant and other small communities and residents.**
 Discussion took place with the members present from the Muscatine City Historic Preservation Commission to have a joint meeting and include other interested historic preservation organizations and hosting the Iowa Historic Preservation Summit in 2025 in Muscatine.
 The Joint meeting on Monday, August 22, will take place at 7:00PM in the conference room at the Environmental Learning Center in Discovery Park, 3300 Cedar Street, Muscatine, IA.
- L. Potential 2022 work areas**
 - 1. Selecting locations for Muscatine County Historic Register and possible signage by townships**
 - 2. Location of Grange Halls, od Depots, towns no longer in existence in Muscatine County –**

Next meeting s–

-August 22, 7:00 pm Muscatine County and City Historic Preservation Meeting

-September 14, 2022 Noon for monthly Muscatine County Historic Preservation meeting.

