

Muscatine County Historical Preservation Commission
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at noon
Virtual Meeting
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CDT)
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(Explanation of reason for virtual meeting... Covid 19 Social Distancing)

Call to order Monthly meeting Muscatine County Historic Commission – August 12, 2020 – Chair, William Koellner, at

Roll Call -

Commissioners Present: Rebeckah Allgood, Mary Beveridge, Jamie Bosten, Jane Daufeldt, William Koellner, Lynn Pruitt

Commissioners Not Present: Terry Eagle, Lynn Ochiltree, Lisa Wertzbaugher (Eagle did try to call in but he was not able to get the link for the meeting to connect)

Others present: Bill Riley to start the meeting for the Commission

Order of Business:

1. Review June 10, 2020 meeting minutes (Daufeldt) – There was no quorum on July 8 therefore, the June 10 minutes were not approved. The July 8 minutes were recorded at the meeting, no action was taken due to lack of a quorum.

-Allgood moved to approve the June 10th minutes, seconded by Bosten.

Approved by all Ayes.

-Koellner moved to approve the July 8th minutes, seconded by Allgood. Approved by all Ayes.

2. Treasurer Report (Allgood) Financial Report was given. There were no changes in the account in June and July. Report (attached) approved as submitted. Daufeldt moved to approve, Bosten seconded. Approved by all Ayes.
3. Meeting reviews by members since last meeting other than covered below (All)- None discussed

4. Update on 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. Lisa Wertzbaugher called Bill Koellner on July 13 to state the CLG was ready to submit.

Koellner reported that he spoke with Wertzbaugher and she will proceed with the CLG for the recovery of the architectural fees in September 2020's submittals.

5. Update Field Services Grant completed for Historic neighborhoods in West Liberty and Wilton — (Wilton has CLG, West Liberty does not) Wilton (Allgood), West Liberty (Koellner) Allgood is preparing CLG for next submission. Possible action may be required. No action taken.

Allgood is proceeding with Wilton's CLG.
Koellner is still working on a CLG for West Liberty.

6. Discussion of CLG Grant for County Schools and Churches. Status of volunteers and training of volunteers. (Daufeldt, Pruitt). Report from Daufeldt for remaining townships. Timeline for training by Leah Rogers of Tallgrass on zoom, and completion of grant. Possible action may be required. Final list of trainees and dates to begin next step on contract. Information and action to who will attend, and process to train those who do not attend.

Daufeldt reported that she has continued to seek more volunteers, of at least two, for each township. There are still three townships that have no volunteers: Fulton, Lake, and Sweetland. Allgood volunteered to have her team of Becky Hansen, and Terri Becker would also take Fulton township in addition to the Wilton township.

Daufeldt also reported that she has been working with Leah Rogers, consultant, in testing the virtual meeting program GoToMeeting (GTM). Daufeldt was provided one of the Enterprise licenses from the County to facilitate the training and has taken several of the training tutorials. The training will be recorded for those that are not able to attend the live virtual meeting.

It is most likely that the training session will take place late August. The actual on the ground surveys will most likely take place in the fall when crops are harvested and after the first frost which the consultant affirmed as one of the best times for field work. Permissions will be needed to access private property.

7. Any Status change on NRHP for Nichols Historic Commercial District decision with National Park Service— (Pruitt); Update on Field Services Report on Nichols Saint Mary's Church. (Pruitt) – other ways MCHPC can help property owners

(Pruitt) Possible action. (What is possibility of a PowerPoint on the various buildings on Ijem with some history for future presentations?)

Pruitt reported that the approval of Nichols Historic Commercial District is with National Park Service waiting to hear of their approval in the next month. It was suggested that MCHPC members that can attend a City of Nichols Council meeting attend to present the final approval to the City.

Pruitt reported that Jennifer Price, consultant, would like to pursue a survey to compare other similar churches in the area with Saint Mary's Church in Nichols. As a group they may qualify for historic status. She proposed a cost of \$1,000 for the comparison survey. There is \$1317 in a fund at the Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine (CFGM) that could be used for the cost of the survey.

Pruitt made a motion to use the CFGM money to hire Jennifer Price to complete a comprehensive survey of Saint Mary's Church in Nichols to determine if it is eligible for the historic status. Seconded by Allgood. Motion carried, all Ayes.

8. Update of discussion and possible action on protecting historic building(s) at Fairport State Fish Hatchery including discussions with DNR. (Eagle, Boston, Stevens) Status of Technical Assistance Grant with McCarley (Pruitt, Eagle). Who has responsibility and funding sources? Archaeology from intense studies at site – items found, next steps? (Eagle, Stevens); results of meeting with IDNR Director Kayla Lyons on July 14. (Eagle, et. al); results of ground penetrating radar on July 13. (Eagle, Stevens) Possible action.
Note: Eagle will be sending an update to Koellner. Eagle was not able to connect to GoToMeeting.
9. CLG grants – Priority for CLG grants – Historic Jail, Ijem Avenue NH District, Fish Hatchery, Wilton Historic District, West Liberty Historic District, other. Historic Jail is number 1; Wilton Historic District is # 2: Others – HPC decide. Possible action. No action taken. Reaffirmed that was the order of importance.
10. Grants – additional update for special funding by state or other sources –. Possible action (Pruitt, Wertzbaugher or others) No discussion.
11. Status of Terry Eagle's position on MCHPC? Eagle will need to submit his resignation in writing to the County Board of Supervisors for their approval.
12. Upcoming meetings (Nichols city leaders on location of plaque for NHR; Fund raising committee for Historic Jail; City of West Liberty for potential historic districts and preparation of CLG; training and meeting with surveyors for Country Schools and Churches; Meetings with organizations on Fish Hatchery project. No dates were proposed.

13. Open Discussion- No discussion

14. Confirm next meeting date and location – September 9 via go to meeting

Adjourned the meeting at 12:43 PM.

NOTE: It was noted that after the meeting adjourned, an email was sent to propose the September Commission meeting take place in person at Discovery Park Environmental Learning Center. More information to follow about social distancing and Personal Protective Equipment.

MORE TO FOLLOW BELOW: Attached financial report.

