

Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission Minutes of Meeting on Tuesday, March 22, 2016

Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission (MCHPC) met on Tuesday, March 22 at the Wilton City Hall with commissioners Lisa Wertzbaugher, Lynn Pruitt, Helen Thompson, Mary Beveridge, Rebeckah Allgood and Wayne Coriell present. Jim Nepple, Tom Furlong and Bill Koellner were excused.

Lisa Wertzbaugher called the meeting to order at 12:50 p.m. Minutes of the February meeting were approved. There was no treasurer's report.

Lisa reported that the Fair Grounds Historic District Application for the Arts building had been approved and would be reviewed by the state office. The Ryan building proposal is being reviewed by Doug Steinmetz, the architectural historian. Lisa also said there will be an open house of the Fair Grounds in early May. She will be meeting with Kent Corporation representatives tomorrow and said that \$255 000 is needed before the goal is reached.

Becky reported that some Wilton homeowners are preparing applications for review and eventual submission for SNRC (State Nomination Review Committee) grants for State and National Registration. She added that a Des Moines group would be meeting in Wilton on Friday, June 10. She will have more details at a later meeting.

Lisa reported that the nomination papers for the Stagecoach Inn to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places have been submitted to Washington D.C. Once listed, there will be a meeting to discuss future procedural goals.

Lisa reported that Jim said the contract for the CLG grant RFP's for County-Wide Preservation Planning has been approved and Rebecca McCarley of Spark Consulting will be working on it.

Helen gave an update regarding the Old Jail Museum/ Archive Project. Four proposals have been received. Doug Steinmetz said he would be finished with preliminary work by November and Todd Burkell will be assisting him. It was voted and decided that Doug Steinmetz would be appointed. Lisa will see that it is put on the agenda of the County Board of Supervisors meeting on April 4.

Lynn asked Lisa to have the Old Barn project put on the agenda for the Monday Board of Supervisors meeting. We will need approval to prepare a TAN grant for the Old Barn and cottage.

Lisa asked Becky for a listing of funds collected and spent in Wilton, so that she can present this to the Board of Supervisors. Lisa will do the same for West Liberty.

Mary reported there would be an Open House at the Muscatine Masonic Temple on May 7. Friends of Muscatine Historic Preservation will be sponsoring the fund-raising event.

Becky said she is planning to attend the Downtown Summit in Mason City and a meeting of the League of Cities in Des Moines.

Lisa announced she will be taking time off for family leave in the fall: September and October and possibly November. Lynn Pruitt will chair those meetings. Lisa said she would, however, prepare the Annual Report.

The next meeting will be at 12:30 p.m. April 26 at the Nichols City Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beveridge

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