

Muscatine County Historical Preservation Minutes

June 28, 2016

Called to order @ 12:33pm by Lynn Pruitt

The Muscatine County Historical Preservation Commission met at The Muscatine County Administration Building. Attending were Lynn Pruitt, Jim Nepple, Tom Furlong, Bill Koellner, Wayne Corriel, Helen Thompson and Sherry Seright. Lisa was excused.

Minutes

May 2016

The minutes were approved after corrections. Approved by Tom Furlong, second by Jim Nepple.

Treasurer Report-Tom Furlong

Tom presented a financial report that Sherry put together. In the report were funds available \$9861.65, and projected financial needs for various projects, etc. Approved Sherry, second Bill Koellner

County-wide Preservation Planning Project-Jim Nepple

Jim said that he had been discussing county-wide planning with Rebecca McCarley. Rebecca agreed that we need to do the windshield surveys in the county. Rebecca will be doing the training on how to do the windshield surveys.

West Liberty Fairgrounds Restorations-Lisa

Lisa told Lynn that the ribbon-cutting was a success and that Tim Nichols was the MC. Scott Sour and Joni Axel attended. The side walk is finished and the Ryan building is a go ahead. New restrooms are needed (larger). The cost for the new restrooms would be around \$100,000. The county built two new restroom facilities recently @ \$80,000 each. It would be like the Discovery Park restrooms. DNR and the city will work with them on this. The Fair Board may have to make some changes to their sewerage system. Doug Steinmetz has a plan for the expo hall. A HRDP grant may be possible for this.

Wilton Downtown Historic District & Building Facade Restoration-Lynn

Early June state people did a tour of downtown Wilton. Each Historical Building has a poster in their front window with their future plans to attain historic restoration of the building facades. Becky Allgood, Jim Nepple and Lynn Pruitt attended. The Candy Kitchen was sold to Ocholtree's and will be open again.

Stage Coach Inn-Bill Koellner

The Muscatine Regional Heritage Association has accepted the Stage Coach Inn project under its umbrella organization. It will provide tax exempt status. Selling price is \$80,000, with The Ryan Trust holding \$40,000 for it. Christian says that they have a monitoring system there. The Elliott's come down twice a week to mow lawn and tend the garden to give it a more lived in look.

Old Jail Project Study-Helen Thompson

Monthly reports have been updated. Doug Steinmetz e-mailed asking again for more information on what we intend to put in the upstairs and downstairs of the Old Jail. Lynn will contact Doug to discuss this with him. The State Historical Society has and gives rules to follow for the types of historic items to accept. Sherry and Helen have added the time sheets and we have accumulated \$965.90 of the \$4605.00 required for time donated.

Old Barn Project-Lynn

Jennifer Price has been working on The Old Barn Project under a Tan Grant to determine if the Old Barn meets requirements for listing on the National Historic Register.

Muscatine County Fair Prep-Bill Koellner

The Fair Board will provide tent, table and chairs. Each project we have going should have a board for their project. The tent will be open 2-7 daily during the fair. Sarah will make brochures that Lynn has updated for passing out. Bill will work several days at the tent. Helen and Rebeckah will work Thursday 2-7.

Next Meeting

Wed. July 20, 2016 @ tent West Liberty Fairgrounds.

1:30pm Adjourn Furlong Second Nepple

Minutes by Helen Thompson