

**Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission  
Minutes of Meeting on Wednesday, 2 November 2016**

The Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission (MCHPC) met on Wednesday, October 12 at 12:04 on the lower level of the Old Post Office (now called the Community Services Building) with commissioners Lynn Pruitt, Jim Nepple, Mary Beveridge, Tom Furlong, Rebeckah Allgood and Bill Koellner present. Lisa Wertzbaugher and Anna Mack were excused and Lynn Pruitt presided.

The minutes of the August, September and October meetings were reviewed and approved. Treasurer Tom Furlong reported a balance of \$3 223.69. Lynn reminded commissioners who attended the Preserve Iowa Summit in Davenport to fill out expense sheets.

The Draft Layout of the Historic Jail as proposed and prepared by architect Doug Steinmetz was discussed, as were his suggestions. Mary Beveridge reminded commissioners that we need to establish a "Friends of the Historic Jail" group, and it should be established before we go to the Board of Supervisors. Tom Furlong agreed and suggested going to the Board in early January. Jim Nepple suggested setting up a nonprofit corporation and also an account with Shelly Maharry at the Muscatine Community Foundation. Jim said we will need a mission statement and statement of purpose and bylaws to set up the Friends group. Mary will speak with Shelly at the Foundation about the matter and also with Doug Steinmetz and Sherry Seright. Bill Koellner made the motion to establish Friends of the Historic Jail group, which was passed. Jim, Mary and Anna Mack will work to get 6 people to put in \$50 each as seed money for the project. Commissioners agreed that stabilization of the building, which will include some work on the exterior of the Jail is necessary and should be completed first. Mary will talk with Doug Steinmetz and then with Sherry about this before our next meeting.

Jim reported on the Town Hall meetings, which will soon be completed throughout the county. The Windshield surveys are also being completed and there was some discussion of the difficulty with data entry into the spreadsheets. Bill is working on Wapsie Township and Mary on Goshen Township. Becky needs to make some revisions to Wilton and Moscow. Jim still has Bloomington and Sweetland to do. All data collected should be brought to the meeting on Tuesday, November 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Activity Center in the West Liberty Fairground. Lynn reminded commissioners to log in their volunteer time with the Windshield Surveys.

The status of the Old Barn restoration is pending. Bill Koellner reported that the Stagecoach Inn is setting up a Friends Group. And Becky Allgood reported that work is proceeding on several buildings in Wilton, including the Masonic Temple, and she announced there will be an event on December 2 and 3 at the Candy Kitchen in Wilton. She is also working to get her home listed on the National Register.

Bill reported on progress with several buildings on the Fairgrounds restoration and said he will be meeting with building superintendents and drawing up bids for the Exhibition Hall (Ryan Building) restoration.

Lynn said discussion of membership on the Commission, including members whose terms will be expiring, will be a topic for the next meeting. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 6 at 12:00 noon at the County Administration building.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Beveridge  
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