

Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission

OFFICIAL MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 17, 2019 at noon

Muscatine County Administration Building

Order of Business

Called to order by Allgood at 11:59 with the following commissioners present: Rebeckah Allgood, Lynn Pruitt, Tom Furlong, Brian Wright, Jane Daufeldt, and Lisa Wertzbaugher.

Also, present: Mike Nolan, and Sherry Seright

- A. Review September 19, 2019 - meeting minutes were moved for approval by Pruitt 1st, and Furlong 2nd; all in favor responded in favor of the approval as submitted.

- B. Treasurer Report (Tom) same as the last September's meeting:

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| Fund balance: | \$17,006.80 |
| HRDP Nichols Grant | (3,545.00) |
| Historic Jail @GMCF | (1,300.00) |
| Bridge replacement mitigation | <u>(4,250.00)</u> |

Unencumbered balance: \$7,911.80
Approved by consent.

- C. Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine business:

Each Commissioner was asked to identify at least ten possible Friends of the Old Jail to receive letters asking them to become donors. Commissioners needed to supply the names and addresses for mailing to Seright.

The Foundation is in the process of converting to new financial software which will allow tracking of the individual Historic Friends groups. Seright will be given access to view the funds and see if there are responses to the letters. Fund balances will be provided at future meetings once the software is in place and Seright has access.

- D. Status, discussion and possible action of Old Jail Museum/Archive with Mike Nolan:
Nolan provided a presentation with photos of the building's exterior and interior. Then went on to discuss the actual floor plans for the basement, main level and second story. It was also discussed that Nolan proceed with providing a phased budget for the building with the main floor as a priority so we could begin to earn revenue from events. The other phases include the living quarters on the main level, second story and basement. Nolan will provide a list of current needs to renovate the main floor space with estimated costs.

- E. Status on CLG Grant for County Schools -Pruitt informed the group that November is the date of the release of the recipients.

Pruitt attended the Story City seminar on the Churches and Schools. He will prepare his expense report and provide an update to the Commissioners at the next meeting.

- F. Status of Nichols- Pruitt reported he has heard from Jennifer Price. The SNRC Nomination Approval delayed due to some changes by a building owner in the district. She is considering adding the buildings and the street, Ijem Ave. (Pruitt provided some background information about the origin of the name Ijem...will also be included as Ijem Ave or also know at one time as Ijam Ave. which stood for Iowa Johnson and Muscatine. Pruitt will provide an update to the inclusion of Ijem Ave and buildings when he hears from Price. There may additional costs to include the road/street. Waiting to hear from Jennifer to see if this will be included in the February resubmittal.

- G. Open Discussion

1. Wertzbaugher will work with Mike Nolan to establish a budget for the Old Jail
2. Wertzbaugher also reported that Gage Kent and a staff member made a final tour of improvements to the Fair grounds and were extremely pleased with the use of their gift to the Fair

Adjourn and Confirm next meeting date – **November 21st, 2019**