

Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission

OFFICIAL MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 21, 2019 at noon
Muscatine County Administration Building

I. Order of Business

Called to order: 12:00 Noon

Commissioners Present: Rebeckah Allgood, Jane L Daufeldt, Brian White, Jim Nepple, Lisa Wertzbauger, Mary Beverage, Tom Furlong, Lynn Pruitt,

Excused: Bill Koellner

Others Present: Sherry Seright, Mike Nolan

A. Review October 17, 2019 meeting minutes Lynn (1) and Brian (2) -Approved by all

B. Treasurer Report (Tom) (1) and (2) -Approved by all as submitted:

FY 2019-20 as of November 21,2019

Fund Balance \$19,978.70

Encumbered:

HRDP (3,545.00)

Historic Jail (1,300.00)

Bridge replacement mitigation (4,250.00)

Unencumbered Fund Balance \$10,883.70

C. Community Foundation Reports by Nepple. Pruitt and Seright are authorized on the account.

D. Status, discussion and possible action of Old Jail Museum/Archive

Nolan went provided a PowerPoint presentation of the proposed changes to the Old Jail property including the primary (back of the building) and two future entry/ exit points. Phase I puts the emphasis on the back half of the building providing a space for meeting/exhibits, office, and restroom. (drawings attached to the minutes).

E. Discussion and possible action on TAN Grant for potential project (Historic neighborhoods in West Liberty and Wilton) from Planning for Preservation – Allgood reported that Tallgrass Historians Iowa City, Leah Rogers will be working on the Field Services to look at the historic districts.

F. Status on CLG Grant for County Schools and Churches (Lynn) Have not heard

G. Status of Nichols

Pruitt reported that he spoke to Jennifer Price the last few days. She will be adding more emphasis to the Downtown Nichols grant by including the significance of current highway's history- the road was once known as IJAM (Iowa Johnson and Muscatine Counties) and IJEM. Would like to work in information on the homes and the possibly the Catholic Church.

H. Discussion and possible action on protecting historic building(s) at Fairport State Fish Hatchery.

Lynn did some of the survey for the oldest building with Steve King. This was an effort to add the fish hatchery on the state most endangered buildings list.

Dec 2nd is the deadline. However it is contingent on the DNR's interested in pursuing the status.

I. Open Discussion

1. Furlong will be going off the board effective Jan 2020. Nepple announced he will also be going off the Commission in January. Recognition and appreciation remarks were given by the Commission members present. This leaves two positions on the Commission
2. Briefing from the school was provided by Pruitt-waiting for work on the status of the approval.

Shortly after the meeting Pruitt reported the following update from Paula Mohr:

"Soon after our meeting today I received a phone call from Paula Mohr saying we will be awarded the CLG Grant for the referenced project EXCEPT they ran out of money and will only offer us \$8183 rather than the \$9750 we had requested. She asked if we would accept this. I said I thought we would but wanted to run it by you all first. Attached is the Budget spreadsheet showing the Initial Proposal followed by three options to accommodate the reduced amount of the grant. Remember that \$4250 of the Cash is coming from the County Bridge program so any Cash greater than that amount would have to come from the Board of Supervisors or be raised by us.

Please review and let me know what you think. Do you agree that we accept the grant? If so, which option for the budget do you recommend? I think the consultant could probably live with Option 3 but might have heartburn with Option 1. Of course anything we recommend would have to be approved by the Board of Supervisors.

3. Wertzbaugher plans on reviewing the funding plan for the Old Jail in January 2020. The fund raising also be review. Wertzbaugher reminded the Commissioners that names and addresses of possible donors are due to Seright, ASAP.

Seright provide a report with October and November activity in the Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine...The Historic Jail Fund balance is \$147.80.

K. Confirm next meeting date – January 16, 2020

Election of officers