

**Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission**  
**OFFICIAL MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**  
**12 Noon, Wednesday, September 14, 2022**  
**At Muscatine County Environmental Learning Center**  
**3300 Cedar Street**  
**Muscatine, IA 52761**

**Call to Order**

**Roll Call and Guests**

**Commissioners present:** Beveridge, Hills, Daufeldt, Koellner, Pruitt, Furlong

(1vacancy)

Excused: Allgood, Ochiltree

Guest Present: Kala Naber, County; April Limburg and Fred Galoso, City; Michael Baxter

**Order of Business**

- A. Introduction new commissioner Sue Hills** – The newest Commissioner is Sue Hills from Fruitland Township. Sue’s family were founding members of the town of Fruitland when it was incorporated. She is still employed at HNI. Her mentor for the Commission is Furlong.
- B. Approval of Agenda-** the agenda was approved as submitted by all present.
- C. Approval of Minutes- August 10-** Minutes were distributed by email and approved by all present as submitted.
- D. Receipt of Financial Reports** – Daufeldt provide fund balances for the account with the County and for the account in the Greater Muscatine Community Foundation (files attached)
- E. Approval of removing Sherry Seright (retired) and adding Kala Naber (incoming)as Fund Representative for Historic Preservation Community Foundation Fund.**

**Motion:** was made by Daufeldt and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pruitt to approve Kala Naber as the Fund Representative for the Greater Muscatine Community Foundation. All present voted in favor of the motion. (A copy of the minutes and including this motion will need to be sent to the Community Foundation.)

**Old Business**

- A. Commissioner vacancy – note from County Administrator that gender equity is required on MCHPC and that vacancy must be a male. After 3 months posted announcement of vacancy, if it is not filled, then a female can be appointed.**

Koellner will send the application to the Commission. April Limburg mentioned that the City HPC had applicants that were not residing in the City’s limits and would forward their information Koellner as contacts for our vacancy.

Note: The names were passed along after the meeting with a copy of the County’s application.
- B. Historic Jail Museum Preservation and Reuse Funding** – Beveridge reported that she has received the updated brochure form and will contact Naber for copies to use in the contacting other funders. Galoso stated that he will also ask the City HPC to donate for the Historic Old Jail at their next meeting.
- C. Rural Schools and Churches CLG grant-Daufeldt – possible action items**
  - 1. **Copies sold to date** – Pruitt reported that 110 copies have been sold to date.
  - 2. **Finalization of MAGIC** – reported that the map coordinates will be confirmed when the signposts are installed. It is ready to do live after the points are verified.

Galoso also suggested that the county and city historic layers might be combined at some future date.

3. **Marketing and signage of Historic schools and churches -**
4. **Status of Order of signs from Iowa Prison Industries** – Furlong is still waiting on 105 signs from the Iowa State Prison Industries- expected any day.
5. **Sign Placement – Pruitt/Furlong** Pruitt and Furlong will each have a team of volunteers from the United Way Day of Caring that will help pound the posts for the signs on September 28. However, before that the 811 Call will be made on as many locations as possible in the townships contiguous to the City of Muscatine. Signs can be installed later.
6. **Pruitt** will be attending a County Schools and Churches conference in Cedar Falls on September 27 with a Power Point. Galoso requested a copy of the presentation.

#### **D. Nichols Historic Area Grants – possible action**

- a. **Nichols home contract with consultant** – Jennifer Price, consultant, is working on the application.
- b. **St. Mary’s Church – National Park Service designation status update.**  
St. Mary’s Church was placed on the Pending List on September 10 and is in the comment waiting period before the National Park Service will confirm the approval. Expected yet this month.

#### **E. West Liberty Area**

- a. **CRI & P Depot – Signage and dedication-** Koellner reported they will be putting up the sign and plaque designating the depot is on the National Register.
- b. **Discussion with Tallgrass on Historic neighborhoods-** Discussion concerning an application for and HRDP Grant to include 3 West Liberty and 3 Wilton following Windshield surveys using Tallgrass’ Ray Werner as the consultant. HRDP grant application - possible action items.

**Motion:** Moved to approve an application for a HRDP grant using Tallgrass as the consultant was made by Pruitt and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Furlong passed by all present saying AYE.

Koellner will contact Tallgrass.

#### **F. Historic Fairport Fish Hatchery Master Plan -Stevens, Pruitt - possible action items**

- a. **Signage – 175<sup>th</sup> year – approved by State of Iowa - - Stevens (sign order and deliver date) – update by Pruitt**, the sign is received and ready for install
- b. **Historic Trails – update Pruitt** there is a holdup due to the DNR’s approval on the sign template.
- c. **National Historic Register – update Pruitt**, on track for February 2023
- d. **Pavilion Funding status – update Pruitt**, total amount needed is \$100K. The Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust and possibly The Howe Foundation will be providing money for the project. The slab for the pavilion is \$25K and can be started this fall. Hahn Ready Mix will provide the cement at half the cost as their donation.
- e. **Pedestrian Bridge Replacement – update Pruitt**, the funding for the bridge is \$6K from the Community Foundation which is a total replacement cost to bring to ADA standards.

EQUIP grant will be applied for in 2023 to abate the wild Honeysuckle along the trails. On Day of Caring volunteers will be use to clear more of the trail system of the invasive Honeysuckle and to prepare for the replacement pedestrian bridge.

It was also mentioned that photos of the Houser Street Mural paintings (currently being enlarged by Janet Hoopes) need to be taken.

**G. Muscatine County Fair Grounds amphitheater – Koellner/Pruitt/Wertzbaugher**

Update on Consultant work on Fairgrounds amphitheater progressing. Work is progressing well and is being coordinated with SHPO.

**H. CLG Grant application for Survey of transportation development in Muscatine County, Iowa including river, roads, ferries, stagecoach and railroads – update submitted 9/6/22**

**I. Collaboration with City of Muscatine Historic Preservation Commission on HRDP for Mulberry from River to Musser Art Center. MCHPC assist in preparing HRDP. – Action**

Limburg and Galoso were in attendance from the City’s HPC to work in collaboration with the County’s HPC on projects that can benefit both Commissions and the area in general.

One of the items discussed was the City’s application for an HRDP grant using Rebecca McCalley from SPARK Consulting to apply for the grant to determine the next historic neighborhood in the City of Muscatine. The Mulberry Ave Historic Neighborhood Phase I would most likely start at the Mississippi River and include the block of the Muscatine Art Center (MAC). MAC is already included in a State recognized Cultural and Entertainment District from approximately 2005 when two Cultural and Entertainment Districts were established by the Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

**Motion:** Pruitt moved and Furlong 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion to collaborate with the City’s HPC on their HRDP grant for Phase I Historic Mulberry Neighborhood, using SPARK Consulting to nominate the lower Mulberry Avenue from the River to approximately the MAC. The final area will be determined with the grant.

All present voting AYE.

The city will also reciprocate with a similar vote at the next City HPC meeting.

**J. Discussion of August 22 meeting of Historic commissions and MCHPC collaborate with City of Muscatine on hosting Statewide Historic Preservation Summit event in 2025. – action**

After discussion a motion was made.

**Motion:** Koellner moved and Beveridge 2<sup>nd</sup> to collaborate with the City’s HPC to co-host the Iowa Summit in 2025. All present voting Aye

Galoso will request a similar motion by the City’s HPC at their next meeting.

**K. Filling vacancy with male Muscatine County resident on MCHPC – suggestions and action** Limburg to send nomination from City to County

**L. Potential 2022/23 work areas**

- i. **Selecting locations for Muscatine County Historic Register and possible signage by townships**
- ii. **Location of Grange Halls, old Depots, towns no longer in existence in Muscatine County –**
- iii. **Historic Fruit and Vegetable Industry Survey – possible action – Sue Hills will do a preliminary survey to determine information available.**

**M. Additional items**

- a. **United Way Day of Caring volunteers to help with Fairport Fish Hatchery and Country Schools and Churches sign installation.09.28.2022**
- b. **Iowa Country Schools Conference September 27-at Cedar Falls with Lynn Pruitt presented on our Country Schools and Churches project.**

c. Other areas to add to potential areas of Historic Preservation

Next meeting – October 12 at Muscatine County Environmental Learning Center, 3300 Cedar Street, Muscatine, IA 52761



Comm Foundation HPC Financial Report  
Donations 9-13-22.pd 9-13-22.pdf

