

Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission (MCHPC)
OFFICIAL MONTHLY MEETING Minutes
12 Noon, Wednesday, November 9, 2022
At Muscatine County Environmental Learning Center
3300 Cedar Street
Muscatine, IA 52761

Call to Order

Roll Call and Guests

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

Commissioners excuse: Allgood, Hills, Ochiltree, (1 vacancy)

Guests: Fredrick Galoso, Kala Naber, April Limburg, Joe Harper

Order of Business

- A. **Approval of Agenda-** Koellner requested the City's HPC items be moved up on the agenda. Approved by those present.
- B. **Approval of Minutes- September 14-** Daufeldt emailed September and October minutes/notes to commissioners before the meeting. Moved to approve by Pruitt, 2nd by Furlong. All ayes.
- C. **Receipt of Financial Reports (CFGM Friends and County) –** Daufeldt emailed out to commission members 11.08.2022 for review. A request was made by consensus to increase annual funding request for the MCHPC to \$10,000 in the upcoming budget cycle. Naber will take our request for additional funds and also close out the grants that are in progress with assistance from Pruitt.

Old Business Commissioner vacancy – Joe Harper has applied for vacant position. Will be on the County's Board of Supervisors agenda for next meeting on Monday, November 14,2022

- A. **Report from Kala Nabar –** Muscatine County Administration
 - a. Financial arrangement between Muscatine County, MCHPC's Friends Groups, and CFGM. There was discussion regarding the arrangements at the CFGM. Bill or Lynn will talk to Jim Nepple about the changes at the Foundation.
Another possibility is to unite with the Friend of the City of Muscatine HPC's 501C3. Need to weigh the location of where to park the funds now at GMCF.
- B. **Historic Jail –** Report from Muscatine City Historic Preservation on commitment to Preservation. Appointment of MCHPC members to work with Muscatine City HPC on fundraising and plan for restoration – next steps - action – Fred Galoso and April Limberg.

Galoso is still in favor of collaboration of the two HPCs. A Mulberry Ave liaison from the County including Beverage and Pruitt was discussed.

C. Rural Schools and Churches CLG grant-Daufeldt – possible action items

1. Copies sold to date –Pruitt confirmed 140
2. Finalization of Beacon Page – proposed date of going live. Daufeldt reported the exact location of the signs as visually positioned on the MAGIC map will be the final location. Still waiting for the signs to be erected in Moscow, Wilton, and Fulton townships.
3. Marketing and signage of Historic schools and churches update—# signs remaining for installation and signs to be ordered – Furlong, Daufeldt, Pruitt, Ochiltree and Allgood
4. Report on One Room School conference in Cedar Falls (repeat from October)— Paper given by Pruitt - Pruitt

D. Nichols Historic Area Grants –

- a. Nichols home contract with consultant – WIP with consultant to apply for Historic Register
- b. St. Mary’s Church – National Park Service designation on National Park Service Historic Register – celebration planned – Public announcement

E. Collaboration with City of Muscatine Historic Preservation Commission on HRDP for Mulberry from River to Musser Art Center. Update from City of Muscatine HPC

Fred Galoso, Chair of the Muscatine City Historic Preservation Commission was made the following points:

- City still wants to collaborate with the county on the Mulberry Avenue Historic Neighborhood project. The boundaries will best be determined by the consultant’s preliminary findings.
- Working with Rebecca McCarley, SPARK Consulting on CLG
- 2025 Iowa Summit by the State Historic Preservation Office is still a joint effort to bring the forum to Muscatine.
- Assist with funding for Historic Jail. Project funding will support the use of the building to provide archival and public meeting space, assist with a PR plan that helps both the city and county HPCs (Pruitt and Beveridge), create a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the HPCs to be approved by the appropriate authorities (Galoso and Koellner).

MOTION: Beveridge moved to appoint a liaison to Mulberry Ave project and provide support with the City of Muscatine Historic Preservation Commission 2nd by Pruitt. All present voting yes.

Daufeldt was asked by Koellner to be the representative from the County HPC to the City.

F. Discussion of August 22 meeting of Historic commissions and MCHPC collaborate with City of Muscatine on hosting Statewide Historic Preservation event in 2025. – Fred Galoso and April Limberg – appointment of MCHPC commissioners to help organize Summit (Koellner to appoint 3 commissioners

to work with City on planning 2025 Summit) - A MOU will be created (see attached draft)

G. West Liberty Area

- a. **CRI & P Depot – Signage and dedication – spring – plaque and open house** No report.
- b. **Discussion with Tallgrass on Historic neighborhoods for West Liberty and Wilton following Windshield surveys – Three neighborhoods in Wilton and 1 neighborhood in West Liberty – Ray Werner, POC – HRDP grant application, Pruitt and Allgood write base information and Tallgrass finalize – funding sources - possible action items.** Proposed to use the 2024 HRDP grant to partially fund the West Liberty neighborhoods with the City of WL providing 25% cash match.
- c. **Move 1840 historic stagecoach house to WLHF - Koellner**

H. **Wilton HRDP for 3 historic neighborhoods – Allgood and Ochiltree.** It is anticipated the Wilton neighborhoods would be funded thru their 2023 HRDP or CLG grant.

I. Historic Fairport Fish Hatchery Master Plan -Stevens, Pruitt - possible action items

- a. **Signage – 175th year – approved by State of Iowa - Pruitt** (sign ordered, delivered and installed during Day of Caring) –update
- b. **Historic Trails – update.** Sign posts installed during Day of Caring.
- c. **National Historic Register – update.** Spark Consulting still working on it.
- d. **Pavilion Funding status – update.** Concrete is ready to be poured.
- e. **Pedestrian Bridge Replacement –** continued with brush cleanup and preparation of the area for the new foot bridge. Concrete abutments are ready to be poured.

J. Muscatine County Fair Grounds amphitheater – Koellner/Pruitt/Wertzbaugher

- a. **Update on Consultant work on Fairgrounds amphitheater**
- b. **Next steps – Pruitt**

K. **CLG application for Survey of transportation development in Muscatine County, Iowa including river, roads, ferries, stagecoach and railroads – update** Dec of 2022

New Business – Report on officers for 2023.

Potential areas to work

- 1. **County-wide historic transportation survey is pending awaiting award of 2023 CLG grant.**
- 2. **Fruit and Vegetable Industry in Muscatine County to include farms, farmsteads, barns and other outbuildings. In addition, commercial resources, grain elevators, processing plants, mills, transportation by rail, trucks and shipping facilities. (McKay, Joyce. An Historical Survey on**

**Muscatine Island. Conducted by Muscatine Power and Water, 1978.
Potentially use our 2023 HRDP grant for this survey.**

- 3. National Historic Register for old churches – St. Malachy's, Peace Methodist, New Era Lutheran as examples**
- 4. Township Grange Halls**
- 5. Cultural and Ethnic Diversity**
- 6. Recreation, natural resources, tourism, parks – historic roads and amenities**
- 7. Historic barns**
- 8. Railroad depots**
- 9. Old cultural groups – Masons, IOOF, Knights of Pythias, Woodman etc to include their ornate buildings**
- 10. Extinct businesses – clay pottery of Montpelier, wood products of Muscatine (Hershey, Musser, Kaiser, Huttig, Chambers)**
- 11. Old elevators**
- 12. Old creamery's**
- 13. Old mill's – Pine Creek, Warfield's on Mad Creek, Geneva Mill, Longs on Sweetland creek, Nye's mill on Pine creek, and Drury's mill on Copperas creek. Cornelius Cadle established the first steam saw mill here in 1843, and this was soon afterwards purchased and operated by Chambers, Cadle and Co. A year later, J. G. Deshler and T. M. Isett opened lumber yards, and Deshler, in company with Col. John Vanater, bought the Geneva steam mill and removed it to Muscatine. Others were Huttig and Musser.**
- 14. Carriage maker and blacksmith shops**
- 15. Old homes in all towns**
- 16. Signage at historic locations**
- 17. Heinley - Martz property (house, barn, hay barn. Summer kitchen) Sweetland Township Sec 5, T77N, R 1W (SHPO opinion of eligibility 1992) (70-00041)**
- 18. Heinley – Patterson – Martz property Wilton Township Sec 35, T 78 N, R 1 W, (SHPO opinion of eligibility 2000) (70-00084)**
- 19. Brown house. Moscow Township, Sec 14, T 78 N, R 2 W, (SHPO opinion of eligibility 2001) (70-01231)**
- 20. Atalissa Weigh Station – Goshen Township, Sec 29. T 78 N, R 3 W (SHPO opinion of eligibility 2013) (70-01467)**
- 21. Hoopes, Joseph L. Barn – Lake Township, Sec 29. T 77 N, R 2 W. (SHPO opinion of eligibility 2001) (70-00920)**
- 22. And many more as noted in Planning for Preservation document.**
- 23. Towns past and present including post offices**

- **Wapsinonoc**

- West Liberty

- **Goshen**

- Atalissa

- **Orono**

- Orono
- Conesville
- Port Allen

- **Cedar**

- Myrtle
- Cranston

- **Fulton**

- Stockton
- Petersburg
- Pleasant Prairie

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- **Sweetland**

- Melpine
- Rainbow
- Sweetland Center
- Fairport

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- **Montpelier**

- Montpelier
- Pine Mill
- New Era

- **Bloomington**

- Bloomington/Muscatine

- **Moscow**

- Moscow
- Summit

- **Wilton**

- Wilton
- Southern Durant

- **Lake**

- Bayfield

- **Pike**

- Nichols
- Adams (Station)

- **Seventy-Six**

- Ardon

- **Fruitland**

- Fruitland

Next meeting – January 14, 2023 Muscatine County Environmental Learning Center, 3300 Cedar Street, Muscatine, IA 52761
NO MEETING IN DECEMBER 2022