

**Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission
OFFICIAL PUBLIC AND MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

12 noon, Tuesday, February 13, 2024

**At Muscatine County Administration Center, Supervisors Meeting Rm
Muscatine, IA 52761**

Members in attendance (X-present, E-excused)

Lynn Pruitt	X	John Kiwala	X
Becky Furlong	X	Joe Harper	X
Bill Koellner	E	Rebecca Bovenmyer	E
Mary Beveridge	E		
Becky Allgood	X		
Ken Snyder	X		

Also present was Kala Naber, Muscatine County Budget Administrator.

Meeting called to order at noon pm by President Furlong.

- A. Approval Agenda – Approved (Pruitt/Snyder)
- B. Approval of January 17, 2024 Minutes – Approved (Pruitt/Snyder)
- C. Receipt of Financial Reports – Approved (Pruitt/Snyder)

Old Business:

- A. Furlong encouraged everyone to look for new MCHP Commissioners to fill two vacancies.
- B. **Country Schools & Churches Project** – A discussion was held on signage and there are 3 signs left to place and Furlong has agreed to get them up by the next commission meeting. Pruitt reported that all locations are set up on the MAGIC Map and will go live.
- C. **HRDP 2023 Grant Update for Wilton Historic Neighborhoods survey** – Allgood reported that this project is moving right along and on schedule.
- D. **Fairport Fish Hatchery Update** – Pruitt reported that there will be a fish fry money maker June 14 and an Earth Day celebration unveiling new educational displays.
- E. **Eagles & Ivory Event Update** – Pruitt reported that he and Koellner put together the Eagle Watch Display for this event and approximately 90 people attended.

New Business:

- A. **Transportation Project** – Historian Jennifer Price reviewed the list we put together at the January meeting and the Commissioners updated it to include the following 20 sites:
 - 1. Cranston, Store/Home (Railroad Station) Cranston -- Cedar
 - 2. 1951 McKeown Bridge over Cedar River – Cedar/Orono
 - 3. Older Muscatine Airport buildings (1950-1965) -- Fruitland
 - 4. Atalissa CRIP Depot (Railroad Depot) -- Goshen
 - 5. Bayfield Arch RR Bridge (Railroad Bridge) -- Lake
 - 6. Saulsbury Bridge over Cedar River – Lake
 - 7. Montpelier Depot (Railroad Depot) -- Montpelier
 - 8. Railroad Bridge (RR Bridge) and Ferry Crossing (Water-Ferry) -- Moscow

9. Gedney Lake Bridge (Road Bridge) -- Orono
 10. 245th Street Bridge over Pike Creek/Cone Lake -- Orono
 11. Conesville/Milwaukee Road Depot (RR – Depot) -- Orono
 12. Grain elevator (Railroad Shipping) -- Pike
 13. Ardon depot/twp hall (RR-Station) -- Seventy-Six
 14. Ardon Hotel – Seventy-Six
 15. Mississippi Courts Tourist Cabins/supper club (Road-lodging-dining-social) -- Sweetland
 16. Hise House Hotel Kitchen (Globe Café) - Wapsinonoc
 17. Skelly Tourist Camp (Road-Lodging) Wapsinonoc
 18. Morris Kaiser-Frazier Dealership -- Wapsinonoc
 19. Rock Garden Tourist Home (Road-Lodging) -- Wilton
 20. Roadside restaurant/former Dairy Queen (Road-Dining) -- Wilton
- B. 2024 CLG Status** – no report
- C. 2024 HRDP Grant application** – There was a discussion on what project would be appropriate for the 2024 HRDP Grant.
1. Furlong reported that **the Friends of Fairport Fish Hatchery** are looking into doing their own HRDP Grant this fiscal year. MCHP will look into completing an HRDP Grant for next fiscal year.
 2. **Schools and Churches** – Pruitt reported that the SHPO already has a Multiple Property Documentation (MPD) for listing historic one-room schools. We could pursue an HRDP grand to add about 11 of our extant schools. The churches would have to be looked as a separate project. Pruitt recommended gaining concurrence from current property owners before pursuing an work that would requiring us to explore the building interiors.
 3. **West Liberty Historic Neighborhoods** – Pruitt will check with Bill Koellner regarding pursuing an HRDP grant this year for this project. Naber state the available matching funds from the West Liberty tif funds may expire if we wait until 2025.
- D. Plaques for Nichols House and Fairport Fish Hatchery** – A motion was made for MCHPC to encourage but not fund appropriate plaques for historic sites in Muscatine County that are on the NRHP. Approved (Allgood/Pruitt)
- E. Iowa Preservation Summit June 6-8, 2024**–Pruitt announced that he and Jennifer Price will be presenting a session on historic preservation in a small town highlighting their historic work in Nichols at the State’s Preservation Iowa Summit in Mt. Pleasant.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 @ noon at Muscatine County Administration Center

Meeting adjourned at 1:19 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Becky Allgood, Secretary/Treasurer

Minutes Approved Date: ____/____/____ by: _____