

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

12 noon, Tuesday, May 21, 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 (by phone)	X	Joe Harper	X
Bill Koellner	X	Rebecca Bovenmyer	X
Mary Beveridge	E	Doug Conklin	X
Becky Allgood	X	Nathan Sneath	X
Ken Snyder	E		

Also present was Kala Naber, Muscatine County Budget Administrator.

Meeting called to order at noon pm by Vice President Pruitt.

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

Old Business:

- A. MCHPC welcomed new commissioners Doug Cocklin and Nathan Sneath. MCHPC also welcomed Chris Brase who wants to be involved as a friend to our commission. Kim Schneider was also present at the meeting.
- B. **Country Schools & Churches Project** –Furlong is working on getting the final two signs put in for Alpine School and one in Durant township. Furlong has someone to place the Alpine School sign and will send the location information to Allgood and she will call a contact in Durant.
- C. **HRDP 2023 Grant Update for Wilton Historic Neighborhoods survey** – Allgood showed commission members the first draft of over 1000 pages of the Historic Neighborhood’s Intensive level survey. SHPO is reviewing/editing this draft as well as the Wilton Certified Local Government Group.
- D. **West Liberty Historic Neighborhood project** – Koellner reported that they have \$5,000 from the City of West Liberty and are waiting to see which grant to work on for this project. Pruitt reported that the HRDP Grant will be funded through the Iowa Economic Development Group for next year.
- E. **Fairport Fish Hatchery Update** – Pruitt reported that they had a successful Earth Day event and will be having a Fish Fry Fundraiser on June 14. They have completed the Pavilion exhibits and they are just waiting to complete the construction of the Pavilion.

New Business:

- A. **Transportation Project** – Historian Jennifer Price presented the proposed first draft of this project and the MCHPC members added their comments and recommendations.

Price announced that she would be done with this proposed draft by end of May and she will send it to SHPO and MCHPC.

- B. 2024 CLG Status** – John Kiwala will be the project manager for the Muscatine County Fruit and Vegetable Project which we received the CLG Grant for. Pruitt reported that he sent out four applications for a Subconsultant and that we received one bid from Price Preservation. However, a discussion was held on the project’s area and realized that it is much larger than what was previously planned so no vote was taken. Price Preservation will get back to MCHPC with a revised bid and a vote will be taken via a virtual meeting.
- C. Muscatine County Underground Railroad Project** – the City of Muscatine received a CLG Grant to do a Muscatine County portion of the “Freedom Trail” of the Underground Railroad Project. MCHPC will help with this project.
- D. Iowa Preservation Summit at Mount Pleasant** – Pruitt reminded everyone of the Iowa Preservation Summit at Mount Pleasant June 6 – 8. MCHPC will be on a panel on Saturday, June 8 at this summit for all Certified Local Governments. He encouraged members to sign up for this summit.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 @ noon at Muscatine County Administration Center

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Becky Allgood, Secretary/Treasurer

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