

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

12 noon, Tuesday, September 17 2024

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

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

Lynn Pruitt	E	John Kiwala	X
Becky Furlong	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 and Kim Snyder.

Meeting called to order at noon pm by President Furlong.

- A. Approval Agenda – Approved (Koellner/Harper)
- B. Approval of August 20, 2024 Minutes – Approved (Koellner/Harper)
- C. Receipt of Financial Reports – Approved (Koellner/Harper)
- D. Sneath had Go-To-Meeting technology up and running and he reported that he would send Becky Furlong a link that she could send to Commission members who could not be at the meeting in person.

Old Business:

- A. **HRDP 2023 Grant Update for Wilton Historic Neighborhoods survey** – Allgood reported that in this final draft there were 71 contributing Homes and 34 non-contributing homes in this Intensive Level survey. However, we are still waiting for the final determination from SHIPO.
- B. **Fairport Fish Hatchery Update** – Furlong reported that the walls are up at the pavilion and that work has begun with volunteers this week.
- C. **Transportation Grant/Project** – Furlong reported that Pruitt gave her the cost of publishing the Transportation Study in two volumes. She reported that the cost for multiple copies goes down significantly. For example the cost for Volume #1 is \$12.52 for one copy and \$9.56 if we were to purchase 20 copies. A discussion was held on this issue and it was decided that we would table this decision until the October meeting.

New Business:

- A. **CLG Fruit and Vegetable Industry Update** – Kiwala reported that he had interviewed a few folks on subjects such as Operation Wetback and genealogy. Sneath said he would reach out to HG Heinz Historical Society to find out about their field purchases. Kiwala said that he would need help with the other areas that he wasn't focused on with this project. Pruitt will be completing Nichols research and interviews and Furlong will do

Conesville. Furlong reminded everyone to get in their volunteer hours/mileage by September 25.

- B. 2025 Summitt hosting with the City HPC** – Furlong reported that Pruitt will be liaison between our group and Muscatine’s HPC. The Seacrest Octagon Barn in the county will be one of the tours at this Summitt. SHPO will be visiting in October and will tour this.
 - a. Underground railroad survey** – Furlong also reported that volunteers are needed to do research and interviews for this project.
- C. 2025 CLG Grant Submission for West Liberty Historic Grant** – Koellner reported that the grant has been submitted and they were waiting to hear if they were successful.
- D. Letter from Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission** – Furlong reported that MCHPC received a letter from the City of Muscatine asking for comments on their new project of upgrading to their wastewater infrastructure. It was decided to have Furlong send a short message to the City of Muscatine in support of this project.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 @ noon at Muscatine County Administration Center

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Becky Allgood, Secretary/Treasurer

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