

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

12 noon, Tuesday, January 14 2025

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

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

Lynn Pruitt	X	John Kiwala	X
Michelle Elizondo	X	Joe Harper	X
Bill Koellner	X	Open Seat	
Mary Beveridge	E	Open Seat	
Becky Allgood	X	Nathan Sneath	X
Ken Snyder	E	Chris Brase	X

Also present was Kala Naber, Muscatine County Budget Administrator.

- A. Approval Agenda – Approved (Koellner/Harper)
- B. Approval of December 17, 2024 Minutes – Approved (Koellner/Harper)
- C. Receipt of Financial Reports – Approved (Koellner/Harper)
- D. MCHPC members welcomed new member Michelle Elizondo to the commission.
- E. Becky Allgood, Mary Beveridge, and Lynn Pruitt were placed on the MCHPC for another three year term.
- F. Lynn Pruitt reported that he will see if Sue O’Donnell would be interested in joining the commission and ask her to make application.
- G. Pruitt reported on commission member assignments for 2025. (Lynn fill in here)

Old Business:

- A. **HRDP 2023 Grant Update for Wilton Historic Neighborhoods survey** – Allgood reported that this project is complete and she will send the link with this research to commission members. Next steps are that the Wilton CLG will work on getting these two neighborhoods listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
- B. **Fairport Fish Hatchery Update** – Pruitt reported that this group is working on educational programs both outdoor and indoor utilizing the empty University of Iowa building that is at this site. They have also requested that they host an icebreaker event on the evening before the State’s Historic Summit.
- C. **Transportation Report** – The next step for this project is signage. Koellner passed out a list of 20 locations for signage and asked for help for this project. Pruitt will contact sign makers and get a cost for large and small signs. A motion was made and approved to purchase 20 signs (an identifying sign at each location) for this project.

New Business:

- A. **CLG Fruit and Vegetable Industry Update** –Jennifer Price Handed out two maps and a table of resources survey to the members. She requested help in getting currant photos

of the shaded rows in the survey. She is making a list of property types and has included it in the survey.

- B. 2025 Summit hosting with the City HPC** – Pritt reported that this group has announced that the Merrill Hotel will be the site for this Summit. They are working on the agenda for the Summit and presenters are Jennifer Price for the Transportation Project, Lynn Pruitt for County Schools and Churches project and Sandy Stevens for the Fish Hatchery project, and that they will have a tour of the fish hatchery and host an Icebreaker at the beginning of the Summit. More on this event in the coming meetings.
- C. Underground Railroad Survey** –Koellner reported that he was working on this project and found that the Quakers, who have most of this historic information, did not keep records.
- D. 2025 CLG Grant Submission for West Liberty Historic Grant** – Koellner reported that he is waiting for the county to receive the grant information from Iowa Cultural Affairs.
- E. MCHPC Facebook page** – New member Michelle Elizondo has agreed to update our facebook page.
- F. Annual Report and Plan** – Pruitt presented the CLG Annual Report and 2025 Work Plan to the group. He was thanked for his work on the important document.
- G. Eagle Watch** – Pruitt announced that the Eagle Watch at the Muscatine Riverfront will be on Saturday, January 18.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 18, 2025 @ noon at Muscatine County Administration Center

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Becky Allgood, Secretary/Treasurer

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