

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

12 noon, Tuesday, February 18, 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	Sue O'Donnell	X
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/Pruitt)
- B. Approval of January 14, 2024 Minutes – Approved (Koellner/Pruitt)
- C. Receipt of Financial Reports – Approved (Allgood/Kiwala)
- D. MCHPC members welcomed new member Sue O'Donnell to the commission.

Old Business:

- A. **Transportation Report** – The next step for this project is signage. Based on past experience, Pruitt estimates the cost for large signs is approximately \$100 and small signs are less than that. A motion was made to purchase 20 to 25 historic signs for this project and also adding two small signs for Wilton’s two historic Homes. Wilton CLG will reimburse MCHPC for their two signs. Motion carried.
- B. **CLG Grant** – A motion was made by Pruitt and seconded by Kiwala to approve the following 10 sites: 1. ISU Research Farm 2. Mernon Peck Wholesale Market 3. Potato Coop 4. Rummells Cabbage Nursery 5. Taylors Market 6. Shoultz’s Market 7. George B. Hahn Farm 8. Quonset Huts 9. Island Methodist Church 10. Northern Gavel Waystation. Motion Carried.
- C. **Underground Railroad Update** – Pruitt reported that we are waiting to hear from the historian consultant for results and recommendations to complete this project.
- D. **2025 Summit (June 5-7, 2025 in Muscatine)** – Pruitt reported that there will be a meeting on this event today. Local presenters for this summit are: Jennifer Price, Sandy Stevens, Jim Elias and Lynn Pruitt.
- E. **Fairport Fish Hatchery** – Pruitt reported that pavilion and trails are completed and now this group is working on curriculum and outdoor classrooms.
- F. **MCHPC Facebook** – Elizondo is working on updating our Facebook page and has asked the group to send her historic information on present and past projects. The name of the page is Muscatine County Historic Commission.
- G. **2025 Eagle Watch summary** – Brase reported that this event was down in numbers this year but still successful.

H. West Liberty Historic Neighborhood -- Koellner reported that the CLG contract has been received and approved for the North Calhoun Street Historic Neighborhood in West Liberty. He is waiting on a draft RFP so we can select a consultant.

It was moved by Kiwala and seconded by Pruitt to change the next meeting date from Tuesday, March 18 to Tuesday, March 11. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 @ noon at Muscatine County Administration Center

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Becky Allgood, Secretary/Treasurer

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