

**Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission
OFFICIAL PUBLIC AND MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
12 noon, Wednesday, July 16, 2025
Muscatine County Fair Grounds
West Liberty, Iowa**

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

Lynn Pruitt	X	John Kiwala	E
Michelle Elizondo	X	Joe Harper	E
Bill Koellner	X	Sue O'Donnell	X
Mary Beveridge	A	Nathan Sneath	E
Becky Allgood	E	Chris Brase	X
Ken Snyder	E		

Discussion:

- A. Muscatine County Historic Jail** – The Community Foundation, which hold our Historic Jail donation fund of over \$5,000, requires us to start making expenditures from that fund or close down the project. Discussion needs to be held regarding the possibility of revitalizing that project or closing it down. Perhaps a tour of the building could be held during our August meeting. Discussion could include possible DIY portions of the project.
- B. Historic Transportation** – Discussions need to be held regarding possible republishing this book following the required corrections. The 26 signs have been delivered. Chris and Lynn will coordinate their installation after procedure coordination with the county engineer.
- C. West Liberty Historic Neighborhood CLG Grant** – The project is currently on hold due to funding issues at SHPO.
- D. Fruit and Vegetable CLG Grant** – Our consultant, Jennifer Price, has requested an extension to the end of July 2025. That request has been forwarded to the SHPO. Once that grant contract has been completed and closed out, the MCHPC needs to discuss the possible publication and sale of the final report in book form.
- E. New Project Survey** – Michelle presented the initial Survey results. Further discussion is required.
- F. Talking Trails** - Chris will be exploring possible implementation of a trial program at the Fairport Fish Hatchery with Jim Elias.
- G. Wilton Historic Neighborhoods Survey** – No report.

Other:

- A.** The above discussion was held at the Muscatine County Fair Grounds where MCHPC has a display table and canopy.
- B.** Mike Baxter has requested approval to dock a refurbished motor vessel at Fairport Fish Hatchery. He will be asked to check with the Corps of Engineers and DNR.
- C.** Potential new members – One name was suggested if we have an opening.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, August 19, 2025 @ noon

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Lynn Pruitt

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