

Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission  
OFFICIAL MONTHLY MEETING MIINUTES  
MODIFIED AGENDA

**Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at noon**

**Muscatine County Administrative Board Room**

**Meeting Moved to a Virtual Zoom Meeting**

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**Call to Order at Noon by Chair Koellner**

**Roll Call and Guests**

**Commissioners: Allgood, Beveridge, Collins, Daufeldt, Furlong, Koellner, Ochiltree, Pruitt all present and Bosten was excused.**

**Order of Business**

- A. Welcome Lynn Pruitt, Mary Beveridge, and Rebeckah Allgood to Historic Preservation Commission for a new 3-year terms**
- B. Approval of Agenda- Koellner** Approved as submitted; 1<sup>st</sup> Furlong, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ochiltree- All Ayes
- C. Approval of Minutes- December 8, 2021- Daufeldt** Approved as submitted; 1<sup>st</sup> Furlong, 2<sup>nd</sup> Allgood- All Ayes
- D. Approval of Financial Reports – Allgood** Approved as submitted -1<sup>st</sup> Allgood, 2<sup>nd</sup> Furlong- All Ayes

**Old Business**

**D. Historic Jail Museum Preservation and Reuse Funding - Pruitt (possible action items)**

- 1. Updates** – Beveridge reported that money was deposited in the Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine (CFGM) for some of the pledges she acquired. These will appear in the December 2021 Year End report from the CFGM. Koellner pointed out that there is still a need to reach the goal for Phase 2.
- 2. Friends of the Old Jail fundraising – pledges and income to CFGM**  
Wertzbaugher built a plan for the raising the money which can be used for the model on the historic jail. Pruitt suggested that we combine the fund raising with the needs at the Fish Hatchery, so the ask is for funding the projects of the Commission.
- 3. Other Action items - Marketing promotion** Collins reported that she and Daufeldt will contact the architect, Mike Nolen, to provide an overview of the project that will be filmed by the Musser Public Library Channel 5 crew. It was also suggested that the funding status be part of the agenda in February for the County Board of Supervisors.

**E. Rural Schools and Churches CLG grant-Daufeldt – possible action items**

- 1. Copies sold in 2021** Pruitt reported that about 60 surveys have been sold. He still has some inventory.
- 2. Marketing and signage of Historic schools and churches update– – Furlong, Daufeldt, Pruitt, Ochiltree and Allgood**

- 1. Status of Order of 16 signs from Iowa Prison Industries for Pike Township**

- 2. Correspondence with landowners – Response from landowners for placement – timeline for installation** - letters to landowners reviewed by Commissioners – info and it was decided that the committee would use a mail merge of the GIS locations to the deedholders of the sites by staff person, Anderson.

When the letters are ready, the Sign Committee members will review their townships for accuracy and fold the letter and insert them in the envelopes provided by the county.

Furlong will pick up the letters and envelopes for the committee members and distribute to the committee members that don't live in town. Daufeldt will pick up her townships (Sweetland, Montpelier, and Bloomington) from the admin building.

Pruitt has completed Wapsinonoc, Orono and Pike. Therefore, these will be eliminated from the townships Anderson will be merging.

Pike signs are ordered. When the signs are delivered, they will be stored by Tom Furlong until the installation at the sites.

Next Meeting of the Sign Committee is March 3.

As the signs are ordered it is important to check with Seright about fund level.

- 3. Plans for 2022**

**Order of additional township signs TBD**

**F. Nichols Area Historic Grants Updates- Pruitt –**

- 1. Nichol's home – CLG Grant status – approved by Iowa Cultural Affairs – appoint Lynn Pruitt as MCHPC manager of grant approved. – action required.** Koellner asked the Commissioners to approve Pruitt as the liaison for Nichols activities including the church and historic home and that Koellner himself be appointed liaison for West Liberty activities including the depot. MOTION by Furlong and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ochiltree -ally Ayes.
- 2. St. Mary's Church NHR nomination status-** Nomination going before SNRC review on Feb 11.

*The meeting of the State Nomination Review Committee (SNRC) will be held virtually over Zoom. If you wish to attend, please request an invite no later than Wednesday, February 11, 2022 – "10:45 St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Nichols – Jennifer Price" - West Liberty Heritage Foundation – Koellner*

- 3. NHR nomination – comments**

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4. **Historic 175<sup>th</sup> year sign for CRI & P Depot – update status** Requested, but no word from the state.
- G. Wilton Historic Neighborhoods – Allgood/ Ochiltree – possible action items**
1. **Buildings or Districts to be nominated in 2022**
- H. Historic Fairport Fish Hatchery Master Plan -Stevens, Pruitt, and Bosten - possible action items**
1. **Signage – 175<sup>th</sup> year – approved by State of Iowa** -Pruitt ordered with no delivery date as yet
  2. **Other** still trying to raise funding for the pavilion.
- I. Muscatine County Fair Grounds amphitheater – Koellner/Pruitt/**
1. **CLG Grant Approved by Cultural Affairs -appoint Lisa Wertzbaugher and Lynn Pruitt to manage the grant for MCHPC – Matching funds from Muscatine County Fair – Kelsey Morris is Fair contact – MOVED** by Ochiltree and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Allgood. Approved with all Ayes. It was noted that the Muscatine County Fair Board will be responsible for the matching funds.
- J. Discussion and possible action regarding Pike Township’s Lacey School**
1. **Iowa’s Most Endangered List -letter to landowner update– Bosten** No update provided.
- K. Review and approval of a portion of Annual CLG Report – 2021 Work Plan Goals and Achievements – action required – Pruitt/Koellner** This document was sent to commissioners for review prior to the meeting. Allgood was missing a copy of the plan and Koellner will send to her. There is an amendment to the report for 2021. The announcement of the CLG approval from the state needs to show Muscatine County’s approval.  
**MOTION: by Allgood and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ochiltree. All Ayes**
- L. 2022 Proposed Work Plan –MOTION** to approve the plan for 2022 with the addition of the need for an archivist for the Depot, Jail, Wilton’s Museum and possible share cost with Musser Public Library if one person would be best fit for all the entities. 1<sup>st</sup> by Beveridge and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Allgood. Approved with all Ayes.
- M. Potential 2022 work areas**
1. **Selecting locations for Muscatine County Historic Register and possible signage by townships**
  2. **Location of Grange Halls, old Depots, towns no longer in existence in Muscatine County –**
  3. **Transportation in Muscatine County - Stagecoach routes, railroads, depots, ferry crossings, early highways (Highway 6 and travel cabins), interurban from Davenport to Muscatine, old rail depots and supporting buildings and businesses. old bridges**
  4. **Non-existent business that helped make Muscatine County historic businesses**  
**-Fruit and Vegetables Industry**  
**-Other businesses which were notable in Muscatine County**

-Placement on MAGIC other historic locations to include cemeteries

**I. . Next Meeting – February 9**

**J. Open Discussion**

-New direct access to MCHPC hot link from Google

-Bill Riley working on the QR codes for the rest of the sign locations.

-Webpage updates are being completed to include the Survey of the Schools and Churches, Historic sites that are on the GIS map for places like granges, Lutheran Homes, stagecoach and rail depots, etc. These eventually will be linked with hot links to the sources... Example cemeteries to the IGEN Web pages.

-The State of Iowa is looking for papers for the 2022 Summit -Heather Gibbs is the contact. One possible paper is to connect the sources of funding from the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 to the projects that used the bridge retirement mitigation funds.

-The 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary signs for the Fish Hatchery, Historic Jail, and West Liberty Depot were all approved and the signs will be produced in Indiana. The signs were paid for out of funding by the State of Iowa

Adjourned at 12:52PM