

# Muscatine County Historical Preservation Commission

## OFFICIAL MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

**Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at noon**

Via Zoom using the following link

**We continue using the same link for all our Zoom meetings:**

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12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CDT)

Meeting using zoom platform conforms with CDC guidelines

**Call to Order**-Meeting called to order by Koellner at 12:01PM

### **Roll Call and Guest**

Commissioners:

Present: Allgood, Beveridge, Bosten, Daufeldt, Furlong, Koellner, Ochiltree, Pruitt

Absent: Collins out of town

Guests: Sandy Stevens

### **Order of Business**

- A. Approval of Agenda- Koellner – no changes to agenda. It was suggested that page numbers be added.
- B. Approval of Minutes- Daufeldt -Minutes approved as submitted-1<sup>st</sup> Pruitt; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ochiltree with no objection
- C. Approval of Financial Report- Allgood-no report submitted – no changes from past report.

### **Old Business**

- D. Historic Jail Museum Preservation and Reuse Funding -Wertzbaugher, Beveridge, Pruitt
  - 1. CLG grant Updates- Grant approved for \$9,600 for the plans and specs to proceed with next steps in funding. Pruitt, in monitoring emails between Paula Mohr and Wertzbaugher noted the Consultant RFPs are ready to go out to three bidders Applications are due in May.
  - 2. Iowa's Rural Revitalization grant application has been submitted by Wertzbaugher. Funding will not be announced until May 2021.
  - 3. Action Items- none taken
  - 4.

Friends of the Old Jail Update-Beveridge -Mary reported she needs more people to join the Friends group. She is looking for suggestions of nominees including those outside the Commission. - Bill wanted to recommend Pam Collins to serve on the Friends of the Historic Old Jail

- E. Rural Schools and Churches CLG grant-Daufeldt
  - 1. Report Status by townships -Team Allgood Ochiltree will be submitting Fulton, Wilton and Moscow Townships historic information and documentation to Google doc for consultant. Daufeldt is still working on Bloomington and will upload this month.
  - 2. Contractor update- Leah received a one-month extension from Paula Mohr for her draft report. It will now be submitted in April.
  - 3. Quarterly Report- next due January through March due April to Paula Mohr. Daufeldt requested all time sheets and expenses for mileage be submitted to her by April 15.
  - 4. New item: Furlong will begin researching signage for the locations of schools and churches.
  
- F. Nichols Area Historic Grants Updates- Pruitt
  - 1. Historic Commercial District, Ijem Ave – Waiting for update from city council for a decision regarding a plaque.  
Press release pending for National Historic Register designation
  - 2. St. Mary’s Church – The church is eligible for nomination to the Historic Register. Pruitt will assist the St. Mary’s parishioners with their nomination which they have indicated the church is willing to fund. Estimated cost \$4,157-working with Jennifer Price, consultant.
  - 3. Status of other buildings:
    - b. Christian Church- it is doubtful the building is eligible due to modifications, but Jennifer Price is still evaluating
    - c. Ben Nichols Home -the proposal for the nomination was estimated at \$4,433. Maybe in 2022 an application for CLG grant will be submitted.
    - d. Friends of Nichols Group for funding matches will be considered.
  
- G. Wilton and West Liberty Historic Neighborhood-Koellner, Allgood -Funding will need to wait for next cycle of grants.
  
- H. Historic Fairport Fish Hatchery Master Plan -Stevens, Pruitt
  - 1. Iowa DNR Update- DNR will not proceed with Pavilion design until Friends Group raises funds.
  - 2. Demolition and Documentation of Pump House - DNR plans to issue bids for demolition this month.
  - 3. Funding for Pavilion, trails, signage and NRHP nomination- This is all part of the funding spreadsheet for the total project costs (attached).
  - 4. Partners in projects (National Historic Button Museum, COE, IDNR, MCHPC, Friend of the Hatchery) funding plan including grant sources and partners. Stevens and Pruitt spoke of an application made to the Roy J Carver Charitable Trust by the Friends of Fish Hatchery group. Other grants such as HRDP and REEP will be applied for by either the Friends Group or the Commission. The Friends group has been striving to find contractors that will provide in kind matches for the demolition of the pumphouse and help with Pavilion construction which can be used to offset matching funds for the total project.

5. Marketing Media (brochure development and media releases)  
-The Friends of the Fish Hatchery group has just been approved by the Art Gallery to prepare one of the Murals along Houser Street from Lucas to Hershey Ave. With the addition of sidewalks and a bike path, there are retention wall panels that are going to be used for education murals that depict the history of the mollusks and our button history along the Mississippi.

## **New Business**

- I. Create National Historic Register Inventory for Muscatine County
  1. Collect existing marketing collateral
  2. Prepare documents for each site
  3. Update MAGIC with locations of historic places (cemeteries, facilities, districts etc. present in the county)
  
- J. Plans for 2021
  1. Collaborate with Muscatine City Historic Preservation Commission and other counties.
  2. West Liberty Fair Grounds amphitheater -Koellner anticipates the Fair Board Building Committee will be exploring structural stability soon.
  3. Koellner invited commissioners that may be interested to join the West Liberty Heritage Foundation Zoom meeting scheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.
  4. Cemeteries in Muscatine County were discussed. Koellner thought that we may be able to document the rural cemeteries as a commission. (Many of the cemeteries were documented by the plat maps provided for the research on schools and churches. Some of cemetery sites are located on township maps on MAGIC. Furlong and Pruitt will develop a plan for documenting the cemeteries for discussion at our next meeting. There are cemetery inventory forms available to aid in documentation.  
Other facilities that may also be researched are old depots, granges, towns that are no longer, etc.
  
- K. Upcoming Meetings – Koellner wants to schedule meetings in the near future with other historic preservation groups in the county.
  
- L. Next Meeting Date: Next MCHPC Meeting is scheduled for April 14<sup>th</sup> via Zoom.

**Adjourned: 12:57PM**