

**Muscatine County Historical Preservation Commission  
OFFICIAL MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA**

**Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at noon**

Via Zoom using the following link

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

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**Call to Order**

**Roll Call and Guest**

Commissioners: Allgood, Beveridge, Bosten, Collins, Daufeldt, Furlong, Koellner, Ochiltree, Pruitt

Guests: Stevens, Wertzbaugher

**Order of Business**

- A. Approval of Agenda- Koellner
- B. Approval of Minutes- Daufeldt
- C. Approval of Financial Report- Allgood

**Old Business**

**D. Historic Jail Museum Preservation and Reuse Funding -Wertzbaugher, Pruitt**

- 1. CLG grant Updates
  - 1. Recommended Architect firm – Wertzbaugher, Pruitt – Discussion and possible action to select design firm.
  - 2. Recommendation to County Board of Supervisors to enter into a subcontract agreement with architect firm.
- 2. Iowa’s Rural Revitalization grant (potential \$125,000) - Wertzbaugher
- 3. Friends of the Old Jail Update-Beveridge – possible action items
  - 1. Paul Carroll and other sources of local funds
  - 2. Collections of donated funds to be sent to CFGM Pledger name and amount should be given to CFGM for follow-up and collection – (pledge form available from CFGM)
- 4. Other Action items
  - 1. Marketing promotion by Musser Library - Collins
  - 2. Potential grants for Historic Jail
  - 3. Other funding sources

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

1. Contractor update
  1. Draft 1 submitted for Commissioner’s review on April 26 - all commissioners provide status of review – timeline is June 1
  2. Draft 1 sent to Paula Mohr – Iowa Cultural Affairs for preliminary comments – comments received by Tallgrass by Cultural Affairs
2. Additional photos and information collected sent to Tallgrass by May 24
3. Marketing and signage of Historic schools and churches – – Furlong, Daufeldt, Pruitt, Ochiltree and Allgood
  1. Signage update (costs and design)
  2. Universal signage policy for MCHPC projects
  3. County Engineer/State Highway department position on signage location and other details
  4. Historic bridges removal and funds available for signage – Pruitt
  5. Sign’s placement plan to County Board of Supervisors

**F. Nichols Area Historic Grants Updates- Pruitt – possible action items**

1. Historic Commercial District, Ijem Ave (need closure on project) National Historic Register designation (Letter regarding National Historic Register found April 15)
  - Plans for marker
  - Press release and photos
2. St. Mary’s Church (NHR nomination proposal and contract with Jennifer Price)-MCHPC liaison Pruitt
3. Christian Church – Final evaluation by Jennifer Price update status
4. Ben Nichols Home – CLG Grant potential/matching funds – next round of CLG applications – Fall 2021
5. Friends of Nichols Group for funding matches (use of funds for NHR signage)

**G. MCHPC Meeting with West Liberty Heritage Foundation Trustees - Koellner**

1. Tallgrass has a proposal to WLHF for nomination of Heritage Park/Depot to NHR
2. WLHF is working with City Administration in cooperative effort with city of West Liberty to establish CLG status

**H. Wilton Historic Neighborhoods – Allgood/ Ochiltree – possible action items**

1. Meeting with Wilton Historic Commission to discuss common areas of historic preservation – May date – using zoom platform. (date)

**I. Durant Historic Commission - Allgood/ Ochiltree - possible action items**

1. Meeting with Tri-County Historic Commission to discuss common areas of historic preservation – June date – using zoom platform. (date)

**J. Historic Fairport Fish Hatchery Master Plan -Stevens, Pruitt, and Bosten - possible action items**

**K.**

1. Iowa DNR Updates. IDNR has approved the nomination for designation on the Historic Register, but without any funding. (status)
2. Demolition dates/ contractors and Documentation of Pump House- Update on demolitions date.
3. Final design MCHPC/DNR of kiosk/pavilion- Funding update plus Friends group funds available.
4. IDNR of trails and signage IDNR is in favor – who does the drawings layout (MCHPC/Friends Group/IDNR)
5. Funding for Kiosk, trails, signage -An application was submitted to the Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust for \$50K – Update on grant funding.
6. Partners in projects (National Historic Button Museum, COE, IDNR, MCHPC, Friend of the Hatchery) funding plan including grant sources. Need letters of support. - status of letter/(Friends group/MCHPC)
7. Marketing Media (brochure development and media releases) There is a brochure for the Hatchery. - Any further development? Coordinate with Collins
8. Mobile Historic Museum – coordination with history of Muscatine area tour – Stevens is checking into the mobile history bus that is available from the State. The commission may need to help with Muscatine County projects creations and this bus could be moved to various sites in the County.... Wilton Freedom Rock, Old Jail, and West Liberty. – Furlong and Collins – status of touring plans.
9. HRDP grant application by MCHPC, approved by Board of Supervisors - Rebecca McCauley submitted the HRDP grant, MCHPC match funds for \$6310.
10. Iowa DNR REAP grant application by Friends Group (Update)

**L. Create National Historic Register Inventory for Muscatine County – Collins - possible action items**

**1. Plans for development of Inventory**

1. Collect existing marketing information from multiple sources
2. Prepare documents for each site – digital with potential paper
3. Update MAGIC with locations of historic places (cemeteries (GenWeb), facilities, districts, transportation, other historic buildings present in the county)

**J. Muscatine County Historic Cemeteries – Furlong - possible discussion with cemetery trustees regarding details on cemetery – history – date founded– who is buried - possible action items**

**K. Plans for 2021 - possible action items**

1. Collaborate with Muscatine City Historic Preservation Commission for potential zoom meeting to share common preservation
2. West Liberty Fair Grounds amphitheater - Koellner
3. Location of Grange Halls in Muscatine County – Commissioners who surveyed townships gather historic facts on Halls

4. 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 – later in 2021-22

L. **Upcoming Meeting** – June 9 (zoom or in person)

L. Open Discussion