

Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission
OFFICIAL MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA
12 Noon, Wednesday, November 9, 2022
At Muscatine County Environmental Learning Center
3300 Cedar Street
Muscatine, IA 52761

Call to Order

Roll Call and Guests

Commissioners: Allgood, Beveridge, Hills, Daufeldt, Koellner, Ochiltree, Pruitt, and Furlong. (1 vacancy)

Order of Business

- A. Approval of Agenda- Koellner**
- B. Approval of Minutes- September 14- Daufeldt**
- C. Receipt of Financial Reports (CFGM Friends and County) – Daufeldt**

Old Business (No quorum in October for decisions)

- A. Commissioner vacancy – Joe Harper has applied for vacant position**
- B. Report from Kala Nabar – Muscatine County Administration**
 - a. Financial arrangement between Muscatine County and CFGM**
 - b. Other reports**
- C. Historic Jail – Report from Muscatine City Historic Preservation on commitment to Preservation. Appointment of MCHPC members to work with Muscatine City HPC on fundraising and plan for restoration – next steps - action – Fred Galoso and April Limberg**
- D. Rural Schools and Churches CLG grant-Daufeldt – possible action items**
 - 1. Copies sold to date – update**
 - 2. Finalization of Beacon Page – proposed date of going live**
 - 3. Marketing and signage of Historic schools and churches update–# signs remaining for installation and signs to be ordered – Furlong, Daufeldt, Pruitt, Ochiltree and Allgood**
 - 4. Report on One Room School conference in Cedar Falls (repeat from October)– Paper given by Pruitt - Pruitt**
- E. Nichols Historic Area Grants – possible action**
 - a. Nichols home contract with consultant – status of work**
 - b. St. Mary’s Church – National Park Service designation on National Park Service Historic Register – celebration planned – Public announcement**
- F. Collaboration with City of Muscatine Historic Preservation Commission on HRDP for Mulberry from River to Musser Art Center. Update from City of Muscatine HPC. MCHPC assist in preparing HRDP. – Fred Galoso and April**

Limburg - - Appointment of MCHPC commissioners to assist in grant preparation with City selected consultant (Koellner to appoint liaison) – Action

G. Discussion of August 22 meeting of Historic commissions and MCHPC collaborate with City of Muscatine on hosting Statewide Historic Preservation event in 2025. – Fred Galoso and April Limberg – appointment of MCHPC commissioners to help organize Summit (Koellner to appoint 3 commissioners to work with City on planning 2025 Summit) - action

H. West Liberty Area

a. CRI & P Depot – Signage and dedication – spring – plaque and open house

b. Discussion with Tallgrass on Historic neighborhoods for West Liberty and Wilton following Windshield surveys – Three neighborhoods in Wilton and 1 neighborhood in West Liberty – Ray Werner, POC – HRDP grant application, Pruitt and Allgood write base information and Tallgrass finalize – funding sources - possible action items

c. Move 1840 historic stagecoach house to WLHF - koellner

I. Wilton HRDP for 3 historic neighborhoods – Allgood and Ochiltree

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

a. Signage – 175th year – approved by State of Iowa - - Stevens (sign order and deliver date) –update

b. Historic Trails – update

c. National Historic Register - update

d. Pavilion Funding status – update

e. Pedestrian Bridge Replacement – update

k. Muscatine County Fair Grounds amphitheater – Koellner/Pruitt/Wertzbaugher

a. Update on Consultant work on Fairgrounds amphitheater

b. Next steps - Pruitt

L CLG application for Survey of transportation development in Muscatine County, Iowa including river, roads, ferries, stagecoach and railroads – update

New Business – Report on officers for 2023.

M. Potential areas to work

1. Fruit and Vegetable Industry in Muscatine County to include farms, farmsteads, barns and other outbuildings. In addition, commercial resources, grain elevators, processing plants, mills, transportation by rail, trucks and shipping facilities. (McKay, Joyce. An Historical Survey on Muscatine Island. Conducted by Muscatine Power and Water, 1978.

2. National Historic Register for old churches – St. Malachy’s, Peace Methodist, New Era Lutheran as examples

3. Township Grange Halls
4. Cultural and Ethnic Diversity
5. Recreation, natural resources, tourism, parks – historic roads and amenities
6. Historic barns
7. Railroad depots
8. Old cultural groups – Masons, IOOF, Knights of Pythias, Woodman etc to include their ornate buildings
9. Extinct businesses – clay pottery of Montpelier, wood products of Muscatine (Hershey, Musser, Kaiser, Huttig, Chambers)
10. Old elevators
11. Old creamery's
12. Old mill's – Pine Creek, Warfield's on Mad Creek, Geneva Mill, Longs on Sweetland creek, Nye's mill on Pine creek, and Drury's mill on Copperas creek. Cornelius Cadle established the first steam saw mill here in 1843, and this was soon afterwards purchased and operated by Chambers, Cadle and Co. A year later, J. G. Deshler and T. M. Isett opened lumber yards, and Deshler, in company with Col. John Vanater, bought the Geneva steam mill and removed it to Muscatine. Others were Huttig and Musser.
13. Carriage maker and blacksmith shops
14. Old homes in all towns
15. Signage at historic locations
16. Heinley - Martz property (house, barn, hay barn. Summer kitchen) Sweetland Township Sec 5, T77N, R 1W (SHPO opinion of eligibility 1992) (70-00041)
17. Heinley – Patterson – Martz property Wilton Township Sec 35, T 78 N, R 1 W, (SHPO opinion of eligibility 2000) (70-00084)
18. Brown house. Moscow Township, Sec 14, T 78 N, R 2 W, (SHPO opinion of eligibility 2001) (70-01231)
19. Atalissa Weigh Station – Goshen Township, Sec 29. T 78 N, R 3 W (SHPO opinion of eligibility 2013) (70-01467)
20. Hoopes, Joseph L. Barn – Lake Township, Sec 29. T 77 N, R 2 W. (SHPO opinion of eligibility 2001) (70-00920)
21. And many more as noted in Planning for Preservation document.
22. Towns past and present including post offices

- **Wapsinonoc**

- West Liberty

- **Goshen**

- Atalissa

- **Orono**

- Orono
- Conesville
- Port Allen

- **Cedar**

- Myrtle
- Cranston

- **Fulton**

- Stockton
- Petersburg
- Pleasant Prairie

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- **Sweetland**

- Melpine
- Rainbow
- Sweetland Center
- Fairport

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- **Montpelier**

- Montpelier

- Pine Mill

- New Era

- **Bloomington**

- Bloomington/Muscatine

- **Moscow**

- Moscow

- Summit

- **Wilton**

- Wilton

- Southern Durant

- **Lake**

- Bayfield

- **Pike**

- Nichols

- Adams (Station)

- **Seventy-Six**

- Ardon

- **Fruitland**

- Fruitland

Next meeting – December 14 at At Muscatine County Environmental Learning Center, 3300 Cedar Street, Muscatine, IA 52761