

Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission Minutes of Meeting on Thursday, August 16, 2018

The Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission (MCHPC) met at 12:00 p.m. on August 16 at the Wilton Candy Kitchen with commissioners Becky Allgood, Lynn Pruitt, Mary Beveridge and Tom Furlong present. Brian Wright was excused. Jim Nepple, Lisa Wertzbaugher, Bill Koellner and Bette Schneider were absent.

Becky reported on the Forum 2018 held in July in Des Moines.

Tom reported on the Muscatine County Fair. He said Lisa was happy with the results and said that the Craft Beer/Winery had a very good turnout. The Fair took in \$20 000 without deduction of expenses. Overall, he said, it was a very good turnout.

As there was no quorum, there was no action taken on the approval of the June Minutes. Tom Furlong did present a printed copy of the Treasurer's Report. Tom reported that our Commission has paid \$1 000 toward the Old Barn nomination, but he said we have not yet heard about the status of a grant.

Mary reported that she has contacted Joni Axel about serving on a Friends group for the Historic Jail, but Joni has declined to serve. Tom Furlong and Mary will work on contacts but will not know about the expected costs or budget until we learn about the custodian's (Oscar's) facilities, i.e. whether those facilities will be moved to another location. She said that Bette Schneider had agreed that it would be better to wait until Fall to start the Friends group.

Lynn reported on the status of Planning for Preservation and said that before the next meeting we should review our historic homes and projects.

Tom said the Fairgrounds Project did get their 501c5 status reinstated. The Ryan Trust wanted their donations to go directly to the Fairgrounds and work will continue on the Heritage Hall. The Show Ring will be a new building and will have restrooms and has already received donations.

Becky reported on Downtown Wilton and said work on buildings is progressing nicely. As we were meeting at the Candy Kitchen, we were able to see the completed work there.

Lynn confirmed that the Old Barn nomination has been submitted (see above) said that SNRC meetings will begin in October.

Lynn said that a grant for the Nichols project was received and that Jennifer Price has received her contract. He distributed a brochure on Historic Nichols.

Lynn said there was no CDGB grant for Downtown West Liberty.

Regarding the Rural schools, churches and cemeteries, Lynn said the Commission has committed \$7 000 to match a grant if the latter is accepted. The application has been submitted, as the deadline is August 31.

Local goals, CLG status and Planning for Preservation will be on next month's agenda.

Our next meeting will be at noon on Thursday, **September 20 at the County Administration Building.**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beveridge

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