

OFFICIAL MINUTES  
MUSCATINE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
April 4, 2014  
5:15 P.M.  
LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM – CITY HALL

The Muscatine Historic Preservation Commission (MHPC) met in special session, rescheduled from March regular meeting, on Friday, April 4, 2014, at 5:15 p.m. in the lower level conference room at Muscatine City Hall. Members present included Rochelle Conway, Julie Wolf and Jane Reischauer. Others present included Adam Thompson – staff, Kent Sissel – Citizen, and Paul Carrol – Citizen. Following the roll, the commission reviewed the consent agenda, including the distributed agenda and the minutes of the regular January 28, 2014 meeting. Wolf moved to approve the consent agenda; Conway seconded; motion passed, all ayes.

The commission first discussed the A. Clark house and the grant to assist with the national registry nomination. Thompson first updated the commission with information from the state and what will be done moving forward. Kent Sissel arrived to discuss the project process. Kent described the timing of the project, reasons for delays, and agreed grant money should be returned. Kent then discussed what he would like to see done to memorialize A. Clack by creating a memorial park across from the house. The commission is open to review a plan for funding the project.

Kent next discussed proposal to name all city parking lots with historical names. Commission is open to reviewing proposal and plan for the project.

Carrol discussed Friends of the Greenwood Cemetery and the Greenwood Cemetery Steps project. Commission supports the funding efforts and rehabilitation. The commission does not support tax dollars being used to rehabilitate the Greenwood Cemetery Steps.

Carrol discussed idea to bring Muscatine County Historic groups together to leverage individual group's resources for the benefit of the larger group and larger goals. Commission is in support of this idea and will take part if such group it formed.

Carrol mention to the commission that he is interested in filling the seat vacated by Devin Pettit.

The commission thanked Kent Sissel and Paul Carrol for coming to the meeting and look forward to their future presentation and proposals.

Thompson informed the annual report had been submitted. No comments from Commission.

The next item discussed was the Fair Oaks project. Reischauer asked if Paula had been contacted. Thompson has not contacted Paula. Commission is interested in allying for HRDP funding for the Fair Oaks project.

The commission then discussed Paul Carrol wanting to join the commission. The commission had no objections to the appointment.

In other business Reischauer asked about the statue of the HRDP grant for 315 W 2<sup>nd</sup>. Need to contact Michael Maharry for information on that grant and who holds it. Thompson mentioned to the commission that the city has received some interest in the historic property tax abatement program.

Meeting adjourned approximately 6:20p.m.

The next regular meeting of the commission is scheduled for Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 5:15 p.m. in the Muscatine City Hall Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair