

OFFICIAL MINUTES
MUSCATINE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
January 28, 2014

The Muscatine Historic Preservation Commission (MHPC) met in regular session on Tuesday, January 28, 2014, at 5:15 p.m. in the lower level conference room at Muscatine City Hall. Members present included Devin Pettit, Rochelle Conway and Jane Reischauer. Others present included Michael Maharry and Adam Thompson. Following the roll, the commission reviewed the consent agenda, including the distributed agenda and the minutes of the regular August 27, 2013 meeting. Conway moved to approve the consent agenda; Pettit seconded; motion passed, all ayes.

The commission first discussed the Fair Oaks grant application that was not funded by Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs. Reischauer discussed the letter received from the state and reviewed comments from the review committee. The commission is interested in perusing funding from additional sources. Reischauer will contact Paula Mohr (CLG Coordinator) to ask if the city is eligible to receive additional HRDP Grants.

The commission then discussed HRDP grants for 315 W 2nd St and the A. Clark House. Maharry informed commission the wall at 315 W 2nd is being fixed with grant funds. Thompson discussed conversations with Kent Sissel and will investigate status of HRDP for the A. Clark House.

Commission returned to discussion on additional funding sources for the Fair Oaks historic district survey. The commission will look into funding from community foundation and community members. Commission will work on a list of those to contact for donations to complete the survey.

Thompson gave an update on CDBG Downtown Revitalization project. Maharry commented that property owners need to apply for historic tax credits and Friends of Muscatine Historic Preservation will assist property owners to fill out the tax credit forms.

Led by Reischauer, the commission discussed goals for the commission. Goals discussed are encourage tax credits, funding for Fair Oaks survey, and update rules & procedures.

Thompson discussed the yearend CLG report and had commission members update personal information and training. Thompson asked commission members to inform him of historic properties that have been worked on in the last year. This information is for the year end CLG report.

In other business the commission discussed Greenwood Cemetery Steps. The commission would support the steps being repaired but the steps should not be repaired using city funds. Commission encourages private funding to repair the steps.

Meeting adjourned approximately 6:15p.m.

The next regular meeting of the commission is scheduled for Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at 5:15 p.m. in the Muscatine City Hall lower level conference room.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair