

MUSCATINE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, November 19, 2014

5:15 P.M.

City Council Chambers – CITY HALL

215 SYCAMORE

Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 5:17. Chair performed Roll Call. Members Conway, LeRette, Loos, and Maharry present. Member Carroll arrived at 5:20pm. Staff present Thompson and Gobin.

2. Consent Agenda

b. October 15, 2014 minutes

Conway motioned to approve, LeRette seconded, motion passed all.

3. Building Improvement Loan Program

Director Gobin presented on Building Improvements Loan Program. The commission is concerned with how historic preservation will be evaluated. LeRette ask for educational materials be available to applicants on historic preservation. Maharry feels historic preservation should be a requirement and has strong concerns with retaining historic preservation in our historic downtown. Thompson will be determining historic preservation for all loan program projects. Carroll commented many of the projects do not effect historic character. Carroll added there is some match left in old Loan Program.

4. Update on Development Authority Presentation / Upper Floor Housing Program (Dave Gobin to present upper floor housing program presentation)

Commission is excited about the program and would like to be involved. The commission would also like to look into bringing other historic properties into the program.

5. Abandoned Houses in historic district- definition, number, solution

Brain storming properties, do we purchase and acquire properties. Members on the commission with work on a list of properties.

6. HPC Website

The Commission would like to develop a historic preservation city webpage. The website will include history of historic districts, key properties for sale

and restoration, friends group will help. The webpage will include education for buyers, sellers, and realtors.

7. Other Business & Additional Business

In other business, the city has an intern that will help with historic district survey.

Both historic groups are in with the white way hotel project.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chair