

MUSCATINE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Wednesday, June 19, 2019 – 5:15 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers

Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 5:18 p.m.

Members present: Paul Carroll, Rochelle Conway, Mark LeRette, Michael Maharry, and Julie Wolf

Members excused: None

Staff present: Jodi Royal-Goodwin

2. Comments from Citizens

Devin Pettit had some suggestions to be pursued under 657(a). These are 213 West 3rd Street (the Purple House) and 213 E 2nd Street (which is posted).

3. Memorandum of Understanding: McKee Grant Funding

This is a reminder that the Commission has \$2,000 in the Friends account at the Community Foundation with \$750 allocated to complete this study for the McKee Building. The Memorandum of Understanding for all parties that have agreed to participate in funding the study is also at the Foundation.

4. HRDP Fair Oaks Grant update

The nomination was completed and submitted to the state for consideration by Rebecca McCarley with Spark Consulting. Rebecca will give the presentation to the state. This should be considered by the state at their fall meeting and forwarded for federal review and approval by late this year or early 2020.

5. Walking Tour Website

The Downtown Historic District self-guided tour needs added to the City's website and would like both links on the Convention and Visitor's Bureau website. Mark will send the links to Jodi to make this happen.

6. 500 Mulberry Ave

Staff updated the Commission on the project. The property was conveyed to Ramiro Vazquez June 7. This was done pursuant to a redevelopment agreement approved by Council June 6. Restoration work has already started. Unfortunately there was some confusion by residents regarding the condition of the building after some of the brick façade fell off the adjacent property in the weekend storms.

7. 2019 Work Plan

Staff requested a review of what the Commission believed the 2019 work plan to be for clarification and resubmittal with the Certified Local Government annual report. The work plan is:

- a) Publish the downtown self-guided tour on the City's website;
- b) Invoke 657(a) on the Jayne House and the Purple House in order to have them rehabilitated and reoccupied;
- c) Identify and complete education for the Commissioners;
- d) Initiate discussion and evaluation of Colver Street for nomination as a Historic District;
- e) Begin planning the Historic Home Tour for Spring 2020 following approval of the Fair Oaks District approval for the National Register; and
- f) Host a community forum on utilizing Historic Tax Credits and City incentives.

8. Review Commissioner Appointments

Expiring Commissioner terms and new appointments were discussed. Michael Maharry is leaving the Commission. Devin Pettit recommended by the nominating committee to be appointed to the Commission by Council. Julie Wolfe was recommended for reappointment. Staff asked Paul Carroll if he was interested in continuing serving on the Commission after July 1. At his affirmative response it was requested he contact Cinda Hilger in the Administrator's Office to complete and application for reappointment.

9. Other business

It was reported the County is initiating fundraising for a project to refurbish the old county jail.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:21 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting

July 17, 2019