

MUSCATINE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Wednesday, November 20, 2019 – 5:15 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers

Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 5:17 p.m.

Members present: Devin Pettit, Rochelle Conway, Mark LeRette, Julie Wolf and Fred Galoso

Staff present: Jodi Royal-Goodwin

2. Consent Agenda

a. **August 21, 2019 Minutes**

b. **September 18, 2019 Minutes**

It was noted that Devin Pettit's name was misspelled. Julie Wolf moved to approve the consent agenda as corrected. Rochelle Conway seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Comments from Citizens

No comments were received.

4. Discussion of Potential Future Work Items

a. **Central Middle School**

There was discussion about what might happen with the school once it is closed. It is a WPA project and the Commission would like to ask MCSD to work with the group before acting on the disposition of the building.

b. **Colver Street**

c. **Mulberry**

Devin discussed the pros and cons of each area. The biggest difference is the number of structures in each area, Mulberry has more than 200 structures that would require surveying. It was requested staff pursue an allocation of funding to support the Commission in pursuing the designation of additional historic districts. This would allow for a consultant to conduct background work rather than relying on volunteers.

5. Funding Opportunities

a. **Grant Opportunities**

There was a review of programs offered by the state. There is a preference to use the Certified Local Government (CLG) grant due to the larger grant amount and higher hourly rate used for to establish match provided by volunteer work.

b. City of Muscatine Façade Program

Jodi Royal-Goodwin provided an overview of the new Façade Program. All owners of property fronting 2nd Street between Mulberry and Pine will receive an invitation to apply in February. Commissioners requested they be included in the review and recommendation process to evaluate commitment to maintaining/improving the historical integrity of buildings.

6. Other business

Fred Galoso reported that the Friends group has completed an inventory of items in storage and will be moving everything to Burlington. The group is also working with Rebecca McCarley on the survey of the McKee Button Factory for nomination to the National Register. Finally, they are looking for homeowners to participate in the Fair Oaks tour.

Rochelle Conway moved to adjourn.