

MUSCATINE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

January 20, 2021

Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 5:20 p.m.

Members present: Devin Pettit, Fred Galoso, and Mark LeRette

Members absent: Julie Wolf and Rochelle Conway

Staff present: Jodi Royal-Goodwin

Others present: Nancy Jenson and Jim Burr from the Friends of Historic Muscatine Preservation and Mary Beveridge, resident

2. Consent Agenda

Approval of the minutes from July 15, 2020 and September 16, 2020

Minutes were approved unanimously on a motion by Pettit, seconded by Galoso.

3. Comments from Citizens

No comments were received.

4. Discussion Regarding Planning for Historic Preservation Month (May) 2021

The Commission and Friends group discussed options for promoting Historic Preservation Month. After reviewing options the group would like to investigate the option of a garden tour with a “screening” of a recorded tour of one or more historic homes in the community at the Art Center. Historic Preservation Awards would also be made during the event. Proposed dates are May 15 or 22 if the Art Center staff is amenable.

Everyone is to come to the February meeting with thoughts on award categories, nominees, awards, homes and gardens to be featured, and methods of promoting the event. Royal-Goodwin will check on the potential to utilize the City’s new videographer to film the virtual tour(s) and Burr will check with the Art Center on use of space and if do which date the prefer.

5. Discussion Regarding Properties Impacted by the Derecho

Larette asked if there had been any further damage identified that may be available for the state funding. The application deadline has been extended and if there was a need he wanted to make we pursued the opportunity if there was a need.

6. Other business

There was discussion regarding a community members concern regarding the possible defunding of historic preservation resources at the state level. This will be watched and if there is movement in this direction the Board will discuss if they want to take a formal position and send letters to the legislators.

Royal-Goodwin noted the state has notified us that the required Certified Local Government Annual Report portal has opened and reports are due March 31. In addition, the City’s budget process has started and she will be including funding for the Colver Street district investigation. LaRette will write the letter of request for the budget and do the presentation to Council in March for the annual report.

Beveridge brought up a concern with not being able to secure funds from the Friends group to support the old jail rehabilitation project. Jenson and Galoso explained to her there are funds available, but that the group had been waiting on information from another individual working on the project. The three of them will work to get the request to the correct person.

Pettit moved and Galoso seconded a motion to adjourn at 6:45.