



City of Muscatine



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

DATE: 3-18-2021

STAFF

Jodi Royal-Goodwin, Community Development Director

SUBJECT

Approval of the 2020 Certified Local Government Annual Report for Submission to the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As a Certified Local Government, the City of Muscatine is responsible for submitting an annual report documenting the Historic Preservation Commission's work during the calendar year. The report is used to document the Commission has met the requirements of the program and is in good standing, which enables the City to pursue certain grants.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the report and submission.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The City of Muscatine has been a Certified Local Government (CLG) with an appointed Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) for many years. The HPC helps safeguard the City's historic, aesthetic and cultural heritage by preserving sites and districts of significance. Much of this work is accomplished through the establishment of historic districts, which also allows property owners to secure historic preservation resources for rehabilitation activities.

Each nomination requires substantial study and documentation, activities often funded through state grants. To be eligible for funding the City must retain its status as a CLG, which includes submitting an annual report. The report provides information on Commission members and activities, City activities to support preservation, and private activity that may impact the integrity of historical resources.

Muscatine currently has 3 approved historic districts, including the long established downtown and West Hills Districts. Just this past year the nomination of the Fair Oaks District for listing on National Register of Historic Places was approved. The HPC is in the process of identifying the next district to be studied for a nomination.

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic most activity was delayed. However, the Commission was able to meet 7 times, 3 members and staff attended the virtual Preserve Iowa Summit, HPC and the City supported the private nomination of the McKee Button Factory building for listing on

the National Register of Historic Places, and the group continues to work on prioritizing neighborhoods for potential nomination projects. In 2021, the group anticipates finalizing this prioritization, pursuing resources to initiate a study of the Colver district for nomination to the Register, and, in partnership with the Friends of Muscatine Historic Preservation, hosting an event celebrating Historic Preservation Month this May.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact to the City of approving this report, however, remaining in good standing does allow the City to pursue grants through the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs for local projects.

ATTACHMENTS

Draft Annual Report

**City of Muscatine
Historic Preservation Commission
2021 Work Plan**

- (a) Work on the Colver district and pursue funding for this project.**
- (b) Complete long-term plan for pursuing district nominations.**
- (c) Work with partners on appropriate 657A projects.**
- (d) Participate in training to expand the capacity to support preservation.**
- (e) Work with Friends to plan appropriate celebration for historic preservation month.**

Certified Local Government Annual Report

Name of Certified Local Government: City of Muscatine

Jodi Royal-Goodwin



3/11/2021

Signature of person who completed this report

Date

I certify that a representative of the historic preservation commission has attended a public meeting and presented the details of this report to the city council (city CLG) or the Board of Supervisors (county CLG).

March 18, 2021

Date of public meeting

Signature of Mayor or Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

Date

Diana L. Broderson, Mayor

Printed Name of Elected Official

Please upload this completed form with your annual report on SlideRoom.

Thank you.