

MUSCATINE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Wednesday, January 21, 2015
5:15 P.M.
City Council Chambers – CITY HALL
215 SYCAMORE

Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting called to order at: 5:14 pm

Roll Call: LeRette, Carroll, Loos and Maharry Present, Conway Excused

2. Consent Agenda

a. December 17, 2014 minutes

LeRette moved, Loos Seconded, Passed 4-0

- Adam introduced city intern David Wise. David elaborated on his background.

3. Whiteway Hotel: Discussion with owner

Adam informed commission of his discussion with property owner. Need to look into Muscatine cultural arts district to see if the hotel is in the district and will be able to take advantage of historic tax credits. Adam is looking into.

4. Preservation Month, May

a. Awards

We have a small list of awards to give out this year. If any commission members are aware of project please let Maharry know of your nomination.

b. Activity

Maharry suggested an educational class on historic tax credits presented by Rebeca and a home tour of historic homes on west hill. Looking to tour 5-8 homes.

LeRette suggested a porch demonstration workshop.

David suggested a combination tour with Rock Island and Muscatine.

Dates and activities will be firmed up at the next meeting

5. Scorpion Bar

Adam introduced the issue of the decaying building and Maharry elaborated on what Iowa City had done in the past with abandoned or neglected properties. The program consist of acquiring targeted properties, putting properties up for sale with contingencies relating to what needs to be completed to fit it up and a time line to do so, if the properties do not sell then they will be demolished.

Additional Discussion

- Could the city create a TIF district for the White Way Hotel
- Friends meeting
- Funding for historic preservation commission: Commission motioned to include \$1000 in funding for required training.

Meeting adjourned 6:18pm

Respectfully submitted

Chair