

OFFICIAL MINUTES
MUSCATINE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MARCH 21, 2012

The Muscatine Historic Preservation Commission (MHPC) met in regular session on Wednesday, March 21, 2012, at 5:20 p.m. in the lower level conference room at Muscatine City Hall. Members present included Devin Pettit, Jane Reischauer, Julie Wolf and Jim Schmidt. Others present included Michael Maharry and Steven Boka. Anna Mack arrived at 5:40 p.m.

Following the roll, the commission reviewed the consent agenda, including the distributed agenda and the minutes of the regular January 18, 2011 meeting. Pettit moved to approve the minutes as submitted; Schmidt seconded; motion passed, all ayes.

The Commission reviewed and discussed the comprehensive plan update process, 2012 Preservation Month activities and 2012 Preservation Award candidates.

Reischauer reported the historic district signs and locations have been approved by the city traffic committee and by the city council on March 15.

The commission discussed the Historic Resource Development Program (HRDP) process and schedule for submission.

Michael Maharry reported on the recent county discussion concerning the historic jail. Maharry said the Muscatine Board of Supervisors will not sell the building, but did acknowledge the use of tax credits for improvements to the building was a possibility. There was also discussion regarding the use of tax credit for the Muscatine Court House improvements.

The commission discussed the current commission make-up and Boka suggested that Jim Rudisill update the contact information for distribution at the next meeting.

Boka suggested the commission may want to take advantage of the city website by creating a link to commission events, current activities, awards, projects and even an area dedicated to "questions & answers".

The meeting then adjourned at approximately 6:45 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the commission is scheduled for Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at 5:15 p.m. in the Muscatine City Hall lower level conference room.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair