

MUSCATINE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

June 23, 2025

Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 5:15 p.m.

Members present: Moriah Ellis, Chris Post, Nathan Sneath, Jim Hetzler, and Mike Terry

Members absent:

Staff present: April Limburg

Others present: Devin Pettit and Chris Hetzler

Consent Agenda

Approval of the minutes from February 24, 2025 – Mike made a motion to approve the draft minute for February as corrected. Nathan seconded; motion passed.

2. Comments from Citizens – Nothing at this time

3. Review List of Issued Permits –

June

- 206 Cherry St – (Clark-Blackwell House) – bath remodel and add laundry room
- 208 W 2nd (Weed's Block)

4. New Business

- July 1 – UGRR Public Meeting** – A public meeting is scheduled for July 1st at the Musser Public Library to share the findings of the survey
- Next HPC Project – Guidelines** – The Commission would like to discuss the possibility of rezoning the area from R4 back to R3, would like to look at the newly adopted ordinance regarding the building codes and historic properties, and look into updating the 5 year plan

5. Update from Subcommittees

- Preserve Iowa Summit** – Staff reviewed the pros and cons of the Summit as well as went over feedback i.e. needing more signage, the need for an agenda or booklet of the conference and guide of the area, and making sure all the details are communicated properly. Overall, the Summit went over well and Muscatine received a lot of great complements.
- Intensive Survey** – The draft survey is complete and was sent out for review. A meeting for July 1st was set to be held at the Musser Public Library to go over the draft document and the outcome of the survey.

6. Other Business

- Paul Bruhn Updates** – Staff gave a brief overview of the process of the grant and the length of time it was taken to get to this point. A. Staff has sent the applicants information to the National Park Service (NPS) representative for preliminary review in which were approved to move forward in the process. Staff and Bethany Jordan from Martin-Gardener met with 5 of the 7 applicants to review the scope of the project to help ensure the historic standards are met. Staff will be working with the applicants to complete the subgrant

agreements as well as work with Bethany complete renderings and other documents needs to actually submit the projects for technical review. Once the technical review is complete, the applicants will be able to hire contractors and start work on the projects.

7. Adjourn

- a.** Adjourned at 6:15 pm, the next meeting will be July 28, 2025 at 5:15 pm.