

MUSCATINE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

January 26, 2026

Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

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

Members present: Patricia Carver Chris Post, and Jim Hetzler

Members absent: Nathan Sneath and vacant position

Staff present: April Limburg

Others present: Nancy Jensen and Chris Hetzler, Friends of HPC

Consent Agenda

Approval of the minutes from September 22, 2025 – Jim made a motion to approve the draft minutes. Chris seconded; motion passed.

2. Comments from Citizens – Nothing at this time

3. Review List of Issued Permits – October

- No permits

November

- 117 W 2nd St – Layover existing roof – Montgomery Ward Dept Store
- 516 W 2nd St – Porch receptacles and lightning – P.M. Musser House
- 505 W 3rd St – sewer repair – Beedle House

December

- No permits

4. New Business

- Welcome and Introductions** – The Commission welcome Patricia Carver as a new member of the Commission and each introduced each other.
- Election of Officers-** Chris made a motion to elect Jim as Chair. Jim seconded; motion passed. Chris made a motion to elect Jim as Vice. Jim seconded; motion passed.
- Update on Mad Creek Bridge** – Staff meet with the City Engineer, a member from SHPO, and 2 members from IDOT in regards to the Mad Creek Bridge. The bridge needs to be reconstructed and isn't classified to be of a historic nature. However, due to the age the of bridge, a SHPO would like to see something how the history that was once there. It was discussed having a sign with photos, a description, the trail system as well as the plaque from the bridge be placed at the trail. As the process moves further along more details of the sign will be taken to the Commission.
- Annual Report** – As a CLG member, the annual report is due on February 28 and needs to be approved by Council. Staff will be working on the report to be approved and submitted by the deadline. The report allows the City to continue to be a CLG member and in good standing.

5. Update from Subcommittees

- a. **URGG Survey – Publishing** – After much back and forth with Rebecca, the Commission has decided not to have the survey published. There are several copies at the Musser Public Library to be viewed as well as online.

6. Other Business

- a. **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. Staff and Bethany Jordan from Martin-Gardener have met with the property owners. Projects are finally being submitted for technical review. Once the technical review is complete, the applicants will be able to hire contractors and start work on the projects.
- b. **Next HPC Project – Guidelines** – Chris has been doing a lot of research in regards to guidelines and how with communities used them. She would like everyone to take a look at the documents she found as well as other HPC who have guidelines.

7. Adjourn

- a. Adjourned at 6:00 pm, the next meeting will be March 23, 2026 at 5:15 pm.

The Friends Group did meet after the meeting to discuss a few items in regards to the West Hill District mainly being rental properties. The Friends also discussed the how to get more members involved.