

GROVE CITY HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

February 8, 2024

Agenda Item A: Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Andrews called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Proper public notice has been given.

Members in Attendance: CJ Andrews, Chair; Rob Stroup, Member; Lisa Napier-Garcia, Member; John Maxson, Member; Chloe Dickson, Member; Linda Hall, Member and Jennifer Uhrin, Secretary.

Others in Attendance: Kelly Sutherland and Steve Jackson

Members Absent: Janet Shailer, Vice Chair – Ms. Napier-Garcia made a motion to excuse Ms. Shailer absence, seconded by Chair Andrews. Vote Taken – Motion Approved. Ms. Napier-Garcia noted she would not be able to attend the March meeting.

Agenda Item B: Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item C: Approval of Minutes

Chair Andrews made a motion to accept the January 11, 2024 minutes as submitted; seconded by Ms. Hall. Vote Taken – Motion Approved.

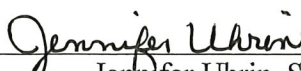
Agenda Item D: New Items

1. **Finance Report** – Ms. Sutherland reported no changes from last month.
2. **Proposed Expenditures** – Discussed open purchase orders.
3. **2023 Annual Report** Reviewed. Vote will take place at the March meeting.
4. **Museum Update** – Ms. Sutherland reported an increasing number of tours. Ms. Watkins is doing a great job.
5. **SWFCHS Update** – Mr. Maxson reported that completion of the new website is anticipated within the next month. The old website will direct you to the new website. Mr. Schmidbauer will provide training to Society members. Upcoming spring projects include Gardens at the Village and Grant Homestead. The carriage house has been cleaned out and will be a great space when the restoration is complete later this year.
6. **LTOB Update**
Ms. Napier-Garcia reported that planning for the upcoming season is underway.
7. **New Business**
 - a. **Skate Park Public Art Proposal** - Ms. Sutherland presented an idea to have murals/street art at the City's skate park. Possibly host a contest, but with a temporary life-span for the art, such as 5 years.
 - b. **Public Art Upkeep Program** - Discussed need to determine procedures to maintain public art, i.e. materials needed, frequency, process etc. Public art application needs amended to include this information. Commission may need to reach out to designated experts. Also need to determine a standard fee for

inspection. Mr. Stroup suggested private businesses could fund. Ms. Sutherland stated a sponsor brochure for all city donations needs developed. Ms. Dickson suggested looking into what other cities use and have it be specific, not open-ended. The Commission agreed they would collect the maintenance information, but would not be responsible for approving.

- c. **Oral History Archive on Historical Society Website** – Mr. Maxson reported that a meeting with all parties is needed to work out details.
 - d. **National History Day Update** - Ms. Dickson reported that South-Western City Schools has little to no participation in National History Day. However, National History Day would like to increase participation in the 6th – 12th grade range. The Commission could offer a prize ranging from \$50 - \$250 for each age group. Will try to work with the Society and Social Studies teachers this year, for involvement in next year's program.
 - e. **Historic Hike Tour Locations** - Ms. Sutherland presented potential stops. Reviewed list. The next step is to verify addresses. Discussed how the public would find the information (i.e. website, brochure, QR code, etc. Ms. Napier-Garcia has a person that may be interested in helping. Vice Chair Shailer and Mr. Jackson can assist with preparing the history. Chair Andrews will discuss with Mr. Walters.
8. **2024 Commission Goals** – Reviewed and will vote at the March meeting.
- a. **Markers/Plaques** – Grant property, Beulah Park Finish Line, Park St. Bell, Train Depot and St. John's Lutheran Church.
 - b. **Partnerships** – Partner with SWCS and the Society to start a National History Day event in December.
 - c. **Arts, Cultural and Fine** – Create a maintenance plan and record system for existing art work. Work with Mr. Sony to create "Women of Grove City" vignettes.
 - d. **Events/Promotions** – Work with the Society to create an event for the dedication of the Carriage House and Hugh Grant marker, which includes the State historical marker too.
 - e. **Documentation/Records** - Continue interviewing at least four Grove City residents for the Oral History Project.
9. **Proposed Commission Projects** – None at this time.
10. **Active/Approved Commission Projects** - None at this time.
11. **Active Community Projects** – None at this time.
12. **Next Meeting – March 14, 2024**

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 10:53 a.m.


Jennifer Uhrin, Secretary


CJ Andrews, Chair

- William Foster Breck Home, 4009 Broadway
- Mulzer's Garage, 3989 Broadway
- Nichol's Block 3955 Broadway
- George Gantz Mill, 3937 Broadway
- Little Theatre Off Broadway 3981 Broadway
- Kegg Store, 4008 Broadway
- Old Hotel, 4022 Broadway
- Elias A. White Block, 4008 Broadway
- Park St. School 3330 Park Street
- The Old Jail
- 3360 Park Street
- Grove City's First Fire Truck/Station, 3360 Park Street
- Grove City Railroad Station, Corner of Park and Front Street