

GROVE CITY HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

March 14, 2024

Agenda Item A: Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Andrews called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Proper public notice has been given.

Members in Attendance: CJ Andrews, Chair; Janet Shailer, Vice Chair; Rob Stroup, Member; Linda Hall, Member; John Maxson, Member and Chloe Dickson, Member.

Others in Attendance: Kelly Sutherland and Steve Jackson

Members Absent: Lisa Napier-Garcia – Vice Chair Shailer made a motion to excuse Ms. Napier-Garcia, seconded by Ms. Hall. Vote Taken – Motion Approved.

Agenda Item B: Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item C: Approval of Minutes

The February minutes were not ready and will be approved at the April meeting.

Agenda Item D: New Items

1. **Finance Report** – Ms. Sutherland reported no changes to the Finance Report. Chair Andrews made a motion to accept the Finance Report as presented; seconded by Vice Chair Shailer. Vote Taken – Motion Approved.
2. **Proposed Expenditures** – No new purchase orders at this time.
3. **2023 Annual Report** – Reviewed report distributed by Ms. Sutherland. Chair Andrews made a motion to accept the 2023 Annual Report with changes as discussed; seconded. Vote Taken – Motion Approved.
4. **Museum Update** – Ms. Sutherland reported that visits have increased, inventory is almost complete and some changes to the cleaning of the building are being implemented.
5. **SWFCHS Update** – Mr. Maxson agreed that museum visits are up, there are currently nine school field trips scheduled. Changes have been made to the payment side of school trips to ensure payment is received. The properties are all in good shape and ready for tours.

A meeting was held to discuss the oral histories on the Society's website. Mr. Schmidbauer has successfully uploaded a couple of oral histories onto the website. Unfortunately, the documents from the CD did not transfer well. Ms. Schmidbauer gave suggestions on ways to remedy that.

Additionally, the Society will have a booth at the City's EcoFest in April. They will be making rope and will have stilts for the kids to try.

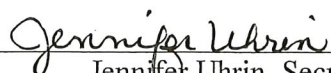
6. LTOB Update

No update at this time.

7. New Business

- a. **Historic Hike Tour Locations** – Discussed status based on the February meeting. Additional locations to be added to the original list (see attached.) Discussed if physical signs would be installed, which would need property owner permission or if it would only be virtual. Chair Andrews asked if it could go in the right-of-way. Ms. Sutherland stated that sign code would have to be reviewed to see if that's allowed.
 - b. **Century Village History Update** – Vice Chair Shailer reported that she was able to obtain a written history of the creation of Century Village penned by Joan Eyerman, whose mother attended the Orders Road Schoolhouse as a child.
 - c. **Oral Histories** – Discussed recent and upcoming interviews along with the workflow. Ms. Dickson is in charge of the workflow. Ms. Dickson clarified that if the library is the master person, their IT people must be involved. She has reached out to “Mike” in the IT area for a meeting and will report back with how much the library can obtain, sustain, and implement said workflow. Ms. Sutherland noted that the Commission could help fund.
 - d. **National History Day** – Ms. Dickson will be reaching out to the regional coordinator about Grove City and the South-Western City Schools involvement.
 - e. **America250** – Briefly discussed possible events/activities the library, Society, and City will be planning in recognition of the 250th anniversary of America.
8. **2024 Commission Goals** – Reviewed attached goals. Goals approved by unanimous consent.
 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** – April 11, 2024

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 10:03 a.m.


Jennifer Uhrin, Secretary


CJ Andrews, Chair

1. Kegg House - Park Street
2. Dr. and Mrs. Sommer's House - Park Street
3. Johnson House - Columbus Street
4. Lutheran Parsonage - Columbus Street
5. Moreland House – 3302 Park Street
6. William Foster Breck home – 4009 Broadway (no plaque)
7. Mulzer's Garage – 3989 Broadway
8. Nichol's Block – 3955 Broadway
9. George Gantz Mill – 3937 Broadway
10. LTOB – 3981 Broadway
11. Kegg Store – 4008 Broadway (has plaque)
12. Old Hotel – 4022 Broadway
13. Eliam A. White Block – 4008 Broadway
14. Park Street School – 3330 Park St.
15. The Old Jail –
16. 3360 Park Street
17. Grove City's First Fire Truck/Station – 3360 Park St.
18. Grove city Railroad Station – corner of Park and Front Streets

The Grove City Historical and Cultural Arts Commission

2024 Goals and Objectives

Markers/Plaques

- Create and install a large cast marker for the east side of Grant property, featuring Hugh Grant
- Create and install an interruptive sign for the Beulah Park Finish Line.
- Create and install an interruptive sign for Park St Bell and the schools that existed along Park St.
- Write and install a cast plaque for the Train Depot to match the rest of the village buildings.
- Create a plaque for 3355 White Place, Village Plat origin home.
- Create and install a Grove City 175 anniversary plaque for St. John's

Partnerships

- Work with the Southwestern City School District (SWCSD), Southwestern Franklin County Historical Society (SWFCHS), and the City of Grove City to start a National History Day event that involves local schools.
- Establish a list of historical-based or art-based projects for community groups who want to give back.
- Invite Scioto Grove Metro Park and Columbus Metroparks to partner in creating and installing a memorial in honor of the ancient indigenous people of the area who were recognized through UNESCO in Chillicothe and Newark.

Arts, Cultural & Fine

- Create a maintenance plan and record system for the existing art throughout Grove City.
- Work with Jeremy Sony to create Women of GC vignettes for Women's History.
- Create an invitation and contest to submit a design(s) and paint the Skate Park with a street artist(s) in 2024.

Events/Promotions

- Work with the City of Grove City and SWFCHS to create an event for the dedication of the Carriage House and Hugh Grant marker that includes the State historical marker dedication.
- Create a promotional or virtual tour video of all three city-owned historical properties.

Documentation/Records

- Assist SWPL with digitizing periodicals to microfiche or other forms of archival process.
- Continue interviewing at least 4 Grove City residents for the Oral History project.
- Work with SWPL Grove City to transcribe all oral histories and publish them online through the library site.
- Inventory and document all art in the City of Grove City.
- Inventory and document all historical artifacts owned by the City of Grove City and Southwest Franklin County Historical Society.

Education

- Create internship for history/architecture through the city but mentored with the assistance of GCHCAC.
- Create a scholarship program for history, arts, architecture, and similar fields that is awarded by GCHCAC.