

GROVE CITY HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

November 14, 2024

Agenda Item A: Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Andrews called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Proper public notice has been given.

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

Others in Attendance: Kelly Sutherland, Steve Jackson, and Russ Haskell

Agenda Item B: Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item C: Approval of Minutes

Reviewed minutes from the October 10, 2024 regular meeting. Chair Andrews made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted; seconded by Mr. Maxson. Vote Taken - Motion Approved.

Agenda Item D: New Items:

1. **Finance Report** – Reviewed the current Finance Report distributed by Ms. Sutherland who noted that money set aside for an archivist is now available for other projects. Chair Andrews made a motion to accept the Finance Report as submitted; seconded by Ms. Hall. Vote Taken – Motion Approved.
2. **Proposed Expenditures** – Ms. Sutherland reported upcoming expenditures include \$6,000 for a historical sign at St. John's Lutheran Church, \$2,000 for the historical plaque for the property currently owned by the Roach family at 3980 Broadway and \$3,000 - \$4,000 will be used for interpretive signs. Mr. Jackson asked for the status of the carriage house project. Ms. Sutherland reported that a request for proposals is currently being developed.
3. **Museum Update** – Ms. Sutherland reported no major changes at the museum, but Santa's mailbox will go up in late November through early December.
4. **SWFCHS Update** – Mr. Maxson reported that he and Mr. Jackson attended the Eagle Scout Court of Awards for Henry Ciocca whose project entailed restoration of the large flower bed at the Grant-Sawyer Home. Mr. Maxson also reported that a work area has been set up in the Evans Barn to facilitate winter projects. Projects include lanterns, a second buggy and the carriage house project, which will hopefully start in the spring. Decorations are set to go up at the Village on December 2nd, and Christmas at the Village is slated for December 7th.
5. **LTOB Update** - Ms. Napier-Garcia. Reported that *Clue* was underway, and they are looking at plans to collaborate with Parks and Rec. for America250. An open house with the Grinch is scheduled for December 6th following the Christmas parade. Lastly, youth performances (2nd – 6th grades) will take place on December 14th and 15th.
6. **Update from Janet Shailer** - Vice Chair Shailer reported that a volunteer has come forward to help with transcribing the oral interviews. She is a professional transcriptionist. Vice Chair Shailer has given her a thumb drive and is waiting to hear back. Mr. Haskell has completed

the 3-D video of the first floor at the Grant-Sawyer Home and will be back to record the second floor. The latest oral interview of Cheryl Grossman was conducted at the Grant-Sawyer Home. Lastly, a friend is looking to donate a 16 mm projector with old cartoons, Ms. Napier-Garcia noted that LTOB might be interested and if others have duplicates of things such as cameras, etc. LTOB might be able to use them as props.

7. **2024 Commission Goals** -Ms. Sutherland is working on the annual report and will send out the 2024 goals with notes to determine which should move to 2025.
8. **Proposed Commission Projects** – Ms. Dickson reported on the completion of Laura Harper’s transcript and requested funds to house the paperwork/discs. Ms. Sutherland to work with Ms. Dickson to purchase necessary items.
9. **Active/Approved Commission Projects** – No update at this time.
10. **Active Community Projects** – Ms. Hall asked for the status of the skate park artwork. Ms. Sutherland reported running into some issues with paint. Interns are working on this project; it is still on the radar.

Agenda Item E: Open Discussion - Mr. Stoup reported that his term ends in December and due to a promotion at work, he is not seeking reappointment. Commission members expressed appreciation for his time on the Commission and his work on the oral history project.

The next meeting is December 12, 2024.

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:34 a.m.



Jennifer Uhrin, Secretary



CJ Andrews, Chair

Remembering Barbara

Barbara B. Howison, 81, of Marysville, formerly of Grove City, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at Heritage Senior Living in Marysville.

A devoted genealogist, Barbara's life was marked by a passion for history and family heritage. She was a retired administrative assistant at Battelle and a former associate of The Borden Company. Barbara was a proud graduate of Grove City High School and a cherished member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Columbus Chapter. Her love of genealogy was not just a hobby—it was a calling. Barbara spent countless hours researching family lineages, not only for herself, but for other DAR members as well. She had an unwavering dedication to preserving the past and connecting with her ancestors.

In 1982, Barbara and her late husband, Bill, along with close friends Jim and Betty Rae and Earl Nicholson, founded the Southwest Franklin County Historical Society in Grove City. Their shared mission was to safeguard the history of their beloved community, and Barbara's contributions to the Society were invaluable.

Barbara's passion for history led her and Bill on many memorable journeys. They explored the streets of Williamsburg, Virginia, and visited numerous cemeteries in Kentucky, always in search of stories to uncover and family connections to explore. Her adventures were not only about seeing new places but also about connecting with the people and histories that shaped her world.

She was a member of Trinity Methodist Church in Grove City.

Barbara was born June 3, 1943, in Grove City, Ohio, to the late Russell and Lavon Lightle Roberts. She was predeceased by her beloved husband, William Howison, and is survived by her sister-in-law, Sharon (Sujet "Chet") Chatterji of Dublin; two nephews, Keith (Suzanne) Chatterji and Kent (Tamara) Chatterji; and her cousin Steve (Brenda) Drummond and family of Marysville.

Barbara's life was one of deep connection to the past, a loving dedication to family, and a commitment to preserving history for future generations. Her legacy lives on in the stories she uncovered, the genealogies she helped to shape, and the lives she touched along the way.

A celebration of Barbara's life will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 11 a.m. at Underwood Funeral Home, where family will receive friends beginning at 10 a.m. Graveside services will follow at Prospect Cemetery at 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the Southwest Franklin County Historical Society, 3378 Park St #2630, Grove City, OH 43123, to continue the work Barbara so lovingly supported. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.underwoodfuneralhome.com.

To plant Memorial Trees in memory of **Barbara B. Howison**, please [click here to visit our Sympathy Store](#).