

GROVE CITY HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 2025

Agenda Item A: Call to Order/Roll Call

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

Proper public notice has been given.

Members in Attendance: Janet Shailer, Vice Chair; John Maxson, Member; Chloe Dickson, Member; Linda Hall, Member; Lisa Napier-Garcia, Member and Jeff Warner, Member.

Members Absent: CJ Andrews, Chair. Ms. Lisa Napier-Garcia made a motion to excuse Mr. Andrews' absence; seconded by Ms. Hall. Vote Taken – Motion Approved.

Others in Attendance: Kelly Sutherland and Steve Jackson

Agenda Item B: Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item C: Approval of Minutes

Reviewed minutes from the January 9, 2025 regular meeting. Ms. Hall made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted; seconded by Mr. Maxson. Ms. Napier-Garcia and Mr. Warner abstained. Vote Taken - Motion Approved.

Agenda Item D: New Items:

- 1. Finance Report** – Reviewed the Finance Report submitted by Ms. Sutherland. Ms. Napier-Garcia made a motion to accept the report as submitted, seconded by Ms. Hall. Ms. Sutherland reported that requisitions have been entered, and purchase orders should be finalized shortly. Vote Taken – Motion Approved.
- 2. Proposed Expenditures** – In addition to 2025 expenditures discussed as part of the Finance Report, Ms. Sutherland noted that if the Commission recommended approval, she would be entering a requisition for the “Grant-Sawyer Home” mural to be discussed later in this meeting.
- 3. Museum Update** – Mr. Jackson reported that the museum looks great, Ms. Watkins and Ms. Traphagan do a fantastic job. The Grant-Sawyer Home is neutral, but tours will pick up after March, when the weather gets nicer.
- 4. SWFCHS Update** – Mr. Maxson agreed that the Society is not overly busy at this time of year, but they are getting close on the second buggy restoration. It has been sent out for upholstery. Mr. Maxson gave a brief recap of the restoration of the first buggy.
- 5. LTOB Update** – Ms. Napier-Garcia reported that the last production “Avenue Q” was a hit and additional performances were added. Next up is “And Then There Were None” by Agatha Christie. LTOB recently updated their strategic plan and submitted a new grant request to the Ohio Arts Council. Also looking for grants for capital expenditures. They received an estimate of \$13,000 to provide an estimate for potential projects. Mr. Jackson suggested contacting our state legislator, which would be Mark Sigrist. Ms. Napier-Garcia will reach out.

- 6. Grant-Sawyer Home Mural Application** – Reviewed mural application. Ms. Napier-Garcia made a motion to recommend approval of the artwork and the proposed location and requested that the application be forwarded to City Administration; seconded by Ms. Hall. Vice Chair Shailer noted that this is the second mural to come before this Commission. Discussed the process to approve the mural as developed in 2023, which entails that the recommendation of the Historical and Cultural Arts Commission go to City Administration for consideration and referral to City Council for approval. Ms. Hall commented that the location is great, and she loves the artwork. Vote Taken – Motion Approved.

Ms. Dickson suggested that the mural needs to be the same as the artwork submitted in the application. Mr. Warner agreed that changes to the artwork would require a new submission to the Commission.

- 7. 2025 Commission Goals** – No update at this time.

8. Proposed Commission Projects –

- a. Historical Marker - Vice Chair Shailer was contacted by Mr. Jim Hale, founding member of the Commission regarding the historical marker located at the former Kerschner Farm 890 London-Groveport Road (S.R. 104/S.R. 106 aka Borrors Corners.) Due to an overgrowth of shrubs, the sign is barely visible and might be in violation. Mr. Hale has also written to the Jackson Township Trustees regarding the state of the property. Discussed property location as it has a Grove City mailing address but is in Jackson Township. Grove City does not have any jurisdiction over that property and would not have any paperwork pertaining to the sign. Mr. Jackson noted that the Society does not have any paperwork for the sign either. Ms. Dickson volunteered to contact the Ohio History Connection.
- b. Oral Histories – Ms. Dickson reported that she has been talking with Columbus Public Library to upload oral histories to their site, at least the transcripts beginning with Laura Harper’s with the goal to link with other oral histories.

Agenda Item E: Open Discussion – Next meeting is March 13, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:55 a.m.

Jennifer Uhrin, Secretary

Janet Shailer, Vice Chair