

GROVE CITY HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

September 11, 2025

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; Janet Shailer, Vice Chair; Linda Hall, Member; Jeff Warner, Member; Lisa Napier-Garcia, Member and Chloe Dickson, Member.

Members Absent: John Maxson. Chair Andrews made a motion to excuse the absence; seconded by Ms. Napier-Garcia. Vote Taken – Motion Approved.

Others in Attendance: Frances Morrow (Daughters of the American Revolution – John Hoover Chapter), and Heather Brokaw.

Agenda Item B: Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item C: Approval of Minutes

Reviewed minutes from the July 10, 2025 regular meeting. Chair Andrews made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted; seconded by Ms. Hall. Vote Taken - Motion Approved.

Agenda Item D: New Items:

- 1. Finance Report** – Reviewed Finance Report and discussed recent changes. Ms. Napier-Garcia requested information on Leah Diemer to include her in the women’s history play. Briefly discussed why Leah Diemer did not change her name to Grant when she married Hugh Grant, Jr. Ms. Napier-Garcia made a motion to accept the Finance Report as submitted; seconded by Ms. Hall. Vote Taken – Motion Approved.
- 2. Museum Update** – Vice Chair Shailer reported on the “World of Wonders” exhibit currently at the museum. Preparations are being made for the Christmas display, which is slated for December and the Society will host a Christmas event at the Grant-Sawyer Home on December 6, 2025.
- 3. Southwest Franklin County Historical Society** - Mr. Maxson was unable to attend today’s meeting, but sent an email encouraging everyone to experience life in the 1800s by attending the upcoming Old Time Harvest Days celebration on Sunday, October 5th from Noon – 4 p.m. at Century Village.
- 4. LTOB** – Ms. Napier-Garcia provided an update on the women’s history play being written for March 2026 to coincide with Women’s History Month and America 250. The play will most likely be monologue style and the theater at Brookpark would be ideal, if it’s ready. Upcoming plays include “Rock of Ages” Sept./Oct. and “It’s a Wonderful Life” radio play slated for Nov. 7th – 23rd. Planned building updates will be shared at the October meeting.

5. **Oral History Update** – Ms. Dickson reported on the continued progress of uploading the oral histories and requested funds to purchase heavy duty binders. Ms. Napier-Garcia made a motion to spend up to \$200 on the purchase of heavy-duty binders for the hard copy storage of oral histories; seconded by Ms. Hall. Vote Taken – Motion Approved.
6. **Proposed Commission Projects** – Vice Chair Shailer reported that the newest historical mural is up on the Columbus Running Company building (formerly 5th 3rd Bank) and will be dedicated during the Arts in the Alley weekend directly after the parade.
7. **Active/approved Commission Projects** – Briefly discussed America 250 and upcoming themes and activities.
8. **Active Community Projects** – No updates at this time.

Agenda Item E: Open Discussion – Ms. Morrow (DAR) reported that John Hoover has a direct connection to America 250 and would like to identify in some way where his farm and home were located. Ziner Farms is in the general vicinity. Brainstormed ideas including a historical marker and/or a heritage/liberty tree. Next step is to complete research. Then the John Hoover Chapter of the DAR could request funds to have a plaque made.

Mr. Hale made a request to have a sign placed at the Breck House on White Place. Ms. Uhrin to research sign prices and prior conversations on this plaque.

Next meeting is October 9, 2025 at 9:00 am.

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 10:06 a.m.

Jennifer Uhrin, Secretary

CJ Andrews Chair