

GROVE CITY HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

November 13, 2025

Agenda Item A: Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Andrews called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Proper public notice has been given.

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

Members Absent: Jeff Warner, Member; Lisa Napier-Garcia, Member. Chair Andrews made a motion to excuse the absence; seconded by Ms. Hall. Vote Taken – Motion Approved.

Others in Attendance: Frances Morrow (Daughters of the American Revolution – John Hoover Chapter), and Steve Jackson

Agenda Item B: Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item C: Approval of Minutes

Reviewed minutes from the October 9, 2025, regular meeting. Vice Chair Shailer made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted; seconded by Ms. Dickson. Vote Taken - Motion Approved.

Agenda Item D: New Items:

- 1. Finance Report** – no approval at this time
Mr. Maxson noted that there seems to be extra money left over for the end of the year and wants to make sure that those funds are carried over to the 2026 budget. Chair Andrews noted that Ms. Uhrin will be requested to notify members of the amount that will be carried over, and approval can take place at the December meeting.
- 2. Proposed Expenditures** – None at this time
- 3. Museum Update** – Mr. Jackson reported that the Wonders exhibit was a big success and the Museum is now preparing for decorating for Christmas. The Carriage House project is underway. There will be two buggies and a vehicle/wagon placed in the carriage house.
- 4. SWFCHS Update** – Mr. Maxson reported that the first church in Grove City, built in 1851, has been demolished in preparation for the Broadway Live site. The Historical Society was able to recover some artifacts before demolition, including some beams that are being stored and can be used for any future building. The Diemer Dress project is moving along and on target to be delivered in the 1st quarter of 2026. The Society is continuing to work on getting the caboose to century village and will be having some fundraising projects to help fund the movement and site preparation for the Caboose. Mr. Jackson noted that the cost to move the caboose is estimated at more than \$18,000.
- 5. LTOB Update** – No report at this time.

6. John Hoover Plaque- Vice Chair Shailer reported that Ms. Morrow spoke with Mr. Farnsworth with the Jackson Township Administration. Mr. Farnsworth was very eager and motivated to move forward with some sort of plaque in honor of John Hoover, Grove City's only Revolutionary War soldier. Possible locations were discussed but have not been identified at this moment. Ms. Morrow intends to work with Mr. Farnsworth and the City in order to determine a suitable location for a plaque/sign. Vice Chair Shailer noted that she will reach out to Mr. Walters to inquire about the cost of making and installing the Mill St. sign and the company used for that project.
7. Town Center Park – Mr. Hale's letter was reviewed. Chair Andrews stated that the Commission can endorse Hale's letter.
8. **Proposed Commission Projects** – None at this time.
9. Active/Approved Commission Projects
 - a. Oral History Project Updated – Vice Chair Shailer reported that she recently presented a PowerPoint about the history of Beulah Park and has that recording to give to the library, along with a cassette tape of an interview from Ruth Jividen and her mother.
 - b. Leah Diemer Grant Dress – Vice Chair Shailer reported that when the project is complete, she will reach out to the Columbus Dispatch to relay the history behind the dress and the story it tells.
 - c. B&O Railroad Caboose – Mr. Jackson stated that this project was reported on in the SWFCHS update.
10. Active Community Projects – None at this time

Agenda Item E: Open Discussion –

Ms. Dickson noted that in the October 9th minutes, it is stated that Meg Scott recently donated five boxes of notebooks but wanted to clarify that Meg Scott is deceased, and the boxes were recently discovered, not recently donated.

Mr. Jackson wanted to note that there is a rock with a plaque at the old church site and suggested it be put in a safe place.

Next meeting is December 11, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 10:05 a.m.

Olivia Piper, Secretary

CJ Andrews, Chair