

GROVE CITY HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

August 13, 2026

Agenda Item A: Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Shailer called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Proper public notice has been given.

Members in Attendance: Janet Shailer, Chair; Jeff Warner, Vice Chair; Linda Hall, Member; Lisa Napier-Garcia, Member; Kacy Cox, Member and Jennifer Uhrin, Secretary.

Members Absent: John Maxson

Others in Attendance: Bryana Ross, Leanne Watkins

Agenda Item B: Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item C: Approval of Minutes

Reviewed minutes from the June 11, 2026 regular meeting. Ms. Hall made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted; seconded by Vice Chair Warner. Vote Taken - Motion Approved.

Vice Chair Warner made a motion to adjust the order of agenda items; seconded by Ms. Hall. Vote Taken – Motion Approved.

Agenda Item D: New Items

1. New Member Update –

- a. Kacy Cox joins as the representative of the Southwest Public Library, completing Ms. Chloe Dickson's term.
- b. Suzanne Rogers is joining to fill the final open spot on the Commission.

2. Spellman Airfield Historical Marker (former Agenda Item D 7 (b)) – Mayor Stage reported Plain City has a marker for their first airport and he would like a marker here to commemorate Grove City's first airport. Reviewed draft verbiage provided by Mayor Stage, who noted that the information has also been sent to Jim Hale for review. Mayor Stage would like the marker to be the same style as the Mill Street and John Hoover markers. Sewah Studios produces the signs and has a 6–7-month production time. The goal is to have this sign installed in time for a Memorial Day 2027 dedication.

Ms. Hall made a motion to allocate \$3500 to Sewah Studios for the Spellman Airfield historical marker; seconded by Vice Chair Warner. Vote Taken – Motion Approved.

3. Historical Plaque – 3980 Broadway (former Agenda Item D 7(a)) – This plaque is in hand and requested to be installed next week.

4. Greyhound Racing Mural Removal (Park St.) (former Agenda Item D6) – Chair Shailer reported the Southwest Franklin County Historical Society recently discussed the removal of the mural and the damage incurred during the removal. Chair Shailer provided a compilation of the current murals and reported the Society has asked the artist – David Lane if he would be

willing to paint another mural of the same topic and he agreed. However, the building owner, Mr. Steve Bowshier, does not want another mural on the building. A new location is needed. Mayor Stage noted that the current murals are of a similar artistic style and for consistency, new murals should be of that style and era. Mayor Stage further stated that the next location for a mural is the building behind the library owned by Mr. Tony Haughn, but he would not approve of Mr. Lane's artistic style. This project is more involved than just choosing a building. Ms. Napier – Garcia wants to ensure the proper process is followed to avoid the challenges the mural at Fryer Park caused.

5. **Finance Report (former Agenda Item D2)** – Reviewed July and August's Finance Report prepared by Ms. Ross. Discussed costs paid for by the Society vs. the Commission. Ms. Ross reported older purchase orders have been closed, and the City is looking into a Request for Proposals for repairs to the barn at Century Village. Briefly discussed Sewah Studios purchase order, which will remain open.

Ms. Cox made a motion to approve the Finance Report as presented; seconded by Vice Chair Warner. Vote Taken – Motion Approved.

6. **Proposed Expenditures (former Agenda Item D3)** - Already discussed as part of the Spellman Airfield sign, but an update will be provided at the next meeting.
7. **Museum Update (former Agenda Item D4)** - Ms. Leanne Watkins reported new shelving has been installed in the Christmas room and the dress maker that reproduced the Leah Deimer Grant dress evaluated another dress recently found, but determined it was not as old as the Grant dress therefore reproduction will not be pursued. High school sports were displayed during Alumni weekend, and a mourning display will be in place until its time for the Veterans display. Ms. Watkins discussed a presential display as eight presidents call Ohio home and will include her personal collection of campaign buttons. Chair Shailer and Ms. Hall agreed that Ms. Watkins does a great job keeping the displays fresh.
8. **LTOB Update (former Agenda Item D5)** – Ms. Napier-Garcia reported on the upcoming season and children's classes starting this Fall. Additionally, the "Women of Grove City" play will be performed again on September 12, 2026. The location needs to be determined, but leaning towards the Evans Center, if available.

Agenda Item E. Open Discussion – Next meeting is September 10, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 10:00 a.m.

Jennifer Uhrin, Secretary

Janet Shailer, Chair