



OWOSSO HISTORICAL COMMISSION
THE CURWOOD COLLECTION

Regular Meeting of the Owosso Historical Commission

Minutes of August 8, 2022 – 6:00 P.M. at the Shiawassee Arts Center

PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Dave Acton

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Troy Dodge, Gary Wilson, Sue Osika, Chair Dave Acton, Vice Chair Mark Erickson.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Deb Adams

OTHERS PRESENT: Amy Fuller, Assistant City Manager, Piper Brewer, Denice Grace, and Cora Walby

CHAIR ACTON CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00 P.M.

APPROVE MINUTES – JUNE 13, 2022

Motion by Commissioner Osika to approve minutes as presented, supported by Commissioner Wilson.

Passed by voice vote.

APPROVE AGENDA – AUGUST 8, 2022

Motion by Commissioner Erickson to approve agenda as presented, supported by Commissioner Osika.

Passed by voice vote.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Gould House Landscaping:

Amy reported the grant for landscaping was submitted by volunteer, Jane Brown. Amy continues to get quotes for removing the overgrown vegetation and getting the gardens ready for a spring planting. There was discussion on having DPW spend a few hours there to get things cleaned up quickly. Piper Brewer suggested saving the peonies and quince shrubs.

- a. Motion by Vice Chair Erickson to authorize up to 5 hours of DPW labor for garden cleanup.
- b. Supported by Commissioner Osika.
- c. Passed by voice vote.

2. Castle 100th Anniversary:

Vice Chair Erickson reported that the 100th anniversary committee has met two times. They have discussed having several small events including a possible movie showing at the Lebowski Center. They are working on a logo and are also interested in partnering with the Curwood Festival. Vice Chair Erickson said they could work on a budget at the next meeting.

- a. Motion by Vice Chair Erickson to add Cora Walby to the committee.
- b. Supported by Commissioner Osika.
- c. Passed by voice vote.

3. Financial Review and Discussion

Amy stated the revenue and expense report is looking good. Revenue is slightly higher than budgeted for the year and expenses are slightly lower. The report is updated through the end of June 2022.

Denice Grace provided a financial report on the Castle. The Castle was rented to a theater group Saturday, August 6, 2022. Denice was present during the time they filmed. She reported it went well.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Wilson commented on the high quality Shiawassee Arts Center display which details Owosso history. There was discussion on possibly moving the display, or part of the display, to the Gould House to serve as a museum and event space. Commissioner Osika questioned whether the Gould House could be used given it is not ADA compliant. There was also discussion regarding who would staff the space. Piper Brewer said she would talk to her board to see if there would be a cost for the displays. It was decided Chair Acton, Commissioner Erickson and Commissioner Wilson would have a follow up meeting to discuss this in more detail and report back to the Commission.

STAFF REPORT AND PROJECT UPDATES

None

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Osika moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Erickson supported. Voice vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:
Amy Fuller, Assistant City Manager