



OWOSSO HISTORICAL COMMISSION
THE CURWOOD COLLECTION

Regular Meeting of the Owosso Historical Commission

Minutes of September 12, 2022 – 6:00 P.M. at Owosso City Hall

PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Dave Acton

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Troy Dodge,

OTHERS PRESENT: Amy Fuller and Denice Grace

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

APPROVE MINUTES – August 8, 2022

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

Passed by voice vote.

APPROVE AGENDA – September 12, 2022

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

Passed by voice vote.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Gould House Landscaping:

The Commissioner reviewed quotes for landscaping at the Gould House. Commissioner Wilson asked that the landscaper not use Round Up. Potential repairs to the fence following the landscaping was discussed. Amy will communicate with Peterson to keep the peonies and quince shrubs.

- a. Motion by Osika to hire Peterson Landscaping for \$3,875.
- b. Supported by Commissioner Erickson.
- c. Passed by voice vote.

2. Gould House/S.A.C. Museum Display:

Commissioner Wilson presented a plan for using the first floor of the Gould House as museum and event space. The plan includes accepting exhibit materials from the SAC on permanent loan and continuing to catalog and organize the existing collection.

- a. Motion by Osika to accept the plan with the elimination of item 11 (b) and to authorize the expense of \$500 from the Gould House Maintenance budget.
- b. Supported by Commissioner Adams.
- c. Passed by voice vote.

3. Gould House Apartments:

Amy reported on past due rent for one of the Gould House apartments. Chairman Acton shared that sending a Notice to Quit would give the tenant 30 days to bring the rent current.

- a. Motion by Osika to send a Notice to Quit.
- b. Supported by Erickson.
- c. Passed by voice vote.

4. Castle 100th Anniversary:

Commissioner Adams reported on the anniversary committee's recent meeting. Possible events being planned include partnering with the Writers Guild, an event at the SRI, a Princess Tea event, a movie at the Lebowsky, a holiday party and signage near the Castle. The Commission discussed the budget. Amy will meet with Commissioners Erickson and Adams to start working on a budget.

5. Financial Review and Discussion

Amy reviewed financial reports for the current fiscal year and the end of the last fiscal year. She also reported that the website had expired. Discussion on the website followed.

- a. Motion by Erickson to spend \$275 from the operating supplies line item for renewing the website
- b. Supported by Wilson.
- c. Passed by voice vote.

Amy shared an invoice from the Michigan Museum Association had arrived for annual dues.

- a. Motion by Wilson to suspend membership.
- b. Supported by Osika.
- c. Passed by voice vote.

Denice Grace provided a financial report on the Castle. Castle revenue was higher than average for August. Denice shared that the Midnight Market helped, with around 500 visitors that day.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Action asked Cora Walby to introduce herself. Cora is a new volunteer for the Owosso Historic Commission.

STAFF REPORT AND PROJECT UPDATES

None

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Osika moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Wilson supported. Voice vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:
Amy Fuller, Assistant City Manager