



**OWOSSO HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
THE CURWOOD COLLECTION

**Regular Meeting of the Owosso Historical Commission**

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Mark Erickson

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Elaine Greenway, Gary Wilson, Lance Little, Vice Chair Deb Adams.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Susan Osika

OTHERS PRESENT: Amy Fuller, Denice Grace, Piper Brewer, Cora Walby, and Mayor Teich

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

**APPROVE MINUTES – November 14, 2022**

Motion by Commissioner Little to approve minutes as presented, supported by Commissioner Greenway.  
Passed by voice vote.

**APPROVE AGENDA – December 12, 2022**

Motion by Commissioner Wilson to approve agenda as presented, supported by Commissioner Adams.  
Passed by voice vote.

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**Gould House Fence:**

There was discussion regarding options for the Gould House fence.

Motion by Little to authorize staff to spend up to \$750 to hire a contractor for the removal of the fence.

- a. Supported by Commissioner Greenway.
- b. Passed by voice vote.

**Community Foundation Funds:**

There is \$1,009 in spendable funds from the Commission's endowment fund with the Shiawassee Community Foundation. The Commission discussed rolling the funds over into the endowment fund or adding it to the Commission's operating fund.

- c. Motion by Wilson to allocate the \$1009 to the operating fund.
- d. Supported by Commissioner Little.
- e. Passed by voice vote.

#### **Castle 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:**

Commissioner Adams reported on the anniversary committee's recent meeting. Events being planned include a wine and cheese event at the SRI, a Princess Tea event, a holiday party and signage near the Castle.

#### **Financial Review and Discussion**

Amy Fuller reviewed year to date financial reports. She also reported on unexpected expenses at the Gould House (locksmith) and Castle (HVAC).

Denice Grace provided a financial report on the Castle. Castle revenue has consistently been higher than past years. Denice shared that the Christmas party was a success, with the Commissioner earning about \$1,500.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Piper Brewer shared that she was disappointed the Gould House use wasn't on the agenda and suggested the story boards on loan from the Arts Council be returned until there is a clear path forward on a potential Gould House Museum. She also asked if the Commission was still interested in working on a Home Tour in partnership with the S.A.C.

Commissioner Erickson stated that the Commission would return the storyboards.

There was discussion on a Home Tour, with Commissioners Greenway and Little volunteering to represent the Commission in partnership with the S.A.C. for the Home Tour.

#### **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Wilson provided a summary of the work being done cataloging items at the Gould House. He emailed the Commission more detailed directions on how to find items and provided Amy Fuller with a flash drive containing information.

Commissioner Erickson thanked Commissioner Wilson for his time, effort, and partnership while serving on the Commission.

Commissioner Little thanked Commissioners Erickson and Wilson for providing him with a tour of the Gould House.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Little moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Greenway supported. The voice vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Amy Fuller, Assistant City Manager