



OWOSSO HISTORICAL COMMISSION
THE CURWOOD COLLECTION

Regular Meeting of the Owosso Historical Commission

Minutes of November 13, 2023 – 6:00 P.M. at Owosso City Hall

PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Mark Erickson

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice-Chair Debra Adams, Commissioners Elaine Greenway, Lance Little, Susan Osika, Bill Moull and Robert Hooper

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Amy Fuller, Assistant City Manager, Denice Grace, Castle Docent, and Rebecca McClear

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

APPROVE MINUTES – October 2, 2023

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

Passed by voice vote.

APPROVE AGENDA – November 13, 2023

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

Passed by voice vote.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Roaring 20's Party: Commissioner Adams provided a review of the planning activities for the Dec. 9th party.

Chair and Vice Chair selection: The annual selection of Chair and Vice-Chair was conducted. Motion by Osika to nominate Commissioner Erickson as Chair. Motion supported by Commissioner Little. Passed by voice vote. Motion by Osika to nominate Commissioner Adams as Vice-Chair. Motion supported by Commissioner Moull. Passed by voice vote.

Deed Restrictions: Amy Fuller shared that City Council approved the Commission's request to sell the Gould House but requested that deed restrictions be added. The City Attorney is working on draft language for the Commission to review.

Gould House Inventory: The Commission discussed the items in the Gould House. Motion by Commissioner Little to move the Curwood relevant items, including the Ivan Conger binders to Curwood Castle. Motion supported by Commissioner Hooper. Passed by voice vote.

FINANCIAL REVIEW AND DISCUSSION:

Amy Fuller provided the most recent revenue and expense report and reported that a window had been broken on the Paymaster Building. DPW repaired it and suggested the Commission paint the building this spring.

Denice Grace shared the October financials for Curwood Castle.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Rebecca McClear spoke about the Gould House. She requested the Commission put off listing the house on the public market for 6 months to give potential nonprofit organizations time to formulate a plan to purchase the house for public use, below market value, with all of the contents.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Osika shared information about the 2024 Home Tour.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, December 11, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Osika moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Adams supported. The voice vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:
Amy Fuller, Assistant City Manager