

OWOSSO HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Regular meeting
Monday November 9, 2015
Curwood Castle

- CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Elaine Greenway called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- PRESENT:** Chairman Elaine Greenway, Vice-Chair Jennifer Mahoney, Commissioner Nick Pidek, Commissioner Robert Brockway, Commissioner Chris Eveleth, Commissioner Tracey Peltier, Commissioner Jenelle Steele-Elkins, Commissioner Dennis Mahoney, Historical Facilities Director Robert Doran.
- ABSENT:** None
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** **COMMISSIONER CHRIS EVELETH MADE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR JENNIFER MAHONEY, AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.**
- TREASURERS REPORT:** **CHAIR ELAINE GREENWAY MADE THE MOTION THE ACCEPT THE TREASURES REPORT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHRIS EVELETH. AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.**
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** **MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER NICK PIDEK TO ACCEPT THE SEPTEMBER, 2015 MINUTES (REMOVING A SENTENCE FROM NEW BUSINESS; SEE SEPTEMBER 2015 MINUTES) SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TRACEY PELTIER. AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.**
- MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER NICK PIDEK TO ACCEPT THE NOVEMBER, 2015 MINUTES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TRACEY PELTIER. AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.**
- CITIZENS COMMENTS:** Tom Manke spoke from Friends and Neighbors questioning as to who will make decision as to what items would be sold from the Commission's holdings at the Gould House. He also stated that if we "sell items then we won't have enough items to do a museum." He referred to City Council meeting minutes that stated "creating a museum." Chairman Elaine Greenway spoke on having the items evaluated, and this evaluation would become part of the process. Commissioner Nick Pidek spoke on putting in systems and processes to help us determine the history, worth and value of each items before the sale of any items. Items that are valued as historical will absolutely not be sold. He also spoke of the commission's commitment to ensuring that we always do the right thing. Commissioner Nick Pidek invited Tom Manke to join a committee or subcommittee as a volunteer.
- COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

DIRECTORS REPORT:

Director Robert Doran welcomed a group of applied leadership students from Baker who joined us for our meeting.

Director Doran announced a joint exhibition with the Shiawassee Arts Center called "Made in Owosso" is in the planning. The exhibit will be at the Shiawassee Arts Center and the Castle, opening June 24th, through August 14th. We will be applying for a short-term planning grant, and in early 2016, a larger grant for the exhibition.

Director Doran gave a summary of the OHC working with the Non Profit Network. A breakdown of the deliverables for phase one was explained. The Cook Family Foundation generously will cover the cost of this. Director Doran gave a brief overview of the Cook Family Foundation and the Non Profit Network Group to the Baker Group so they had a better understanding of what these organizations do. This process will lay a foundation for sustainability for the OHC for the years to come.

Director Doran shared that Nov 25th a historical architect/engineer will arrive in Owosso to look at the Gould House, in preparation of a proposal for the complete renovation and restoration of the house. He asked that commission members meet on that date. This proposal will show us what work needs to be done at the Gould House and in what order.

OLD BUSINESS:

OHC Holiday Party/Silent Auction – December 10, 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm at Curwood Castle. Invitation addresses are needed, each commission member should bring in 10 addresses. Director Doran went over all the auction items. We have items that we are deaccessioning from the OHC holdings for the auction as follows:

- 1 Curwood Poster
- 2 Curwood Lobby Cards
- 2 needlepoint chairs
- 1 Stained glass
- 2 framed Friesseke prints
- 1 Framed blueprint Castle Poster
- 4 2016 Home Tour Tickets, 4 OHC Posters and 4 T-shirts

COMMISSIONER DENNIS MAHONEY MOVED THAT THE LIST BE APPROVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHRIS EVELETH. AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.

Saturday, Nov 21st the crowning of the Ice Queen will take place at Curwood Castle. Discussion was held about having an artificial tree and the Commission agreed to purchase a Christmas tree for the Castle with a maximum budget of \$400.

COMMISSIONER TRACEY PELTIER MOVED THAT WE PURCHASE A CHRISTMAS TREE FOR THE CASTLE WITH A BUDGET NOT EXCEEDING

\$400, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERT BROCKWAY. AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.

Volunteer Database was brought up and Robert asked that each Commission member reach out to help build our current volunteer list.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was a discussion regarding the Curwood Cabin which was donated to the OHC by Diane Conger, from the estate of her late mother and father, Dorothy and Ivan Conger. Research is being done about how to move the cabin, how to build the foundation and developing a plan for restoration and sustainability. Director Robert Doran is consulting with the Henry Ford and curators at Greenfield Village as they have extensive experience with similar projects. The Commission will make final decisions based on best practices.

A price quote was presented by Commissioner Tracey Peltier to the commission to purchase a used POS – point of sale – system for Curwood Castle, including an iPad. The system is from her now closed store Market On Main, and is less than one year old.

COMMISSIONER NICK PIDEK MOVED THAT WE PURCHASE THE POS SYSTEM FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$800, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DENNIS MAHONEY. AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED. COMMISSIONER TRACEY PELTIER ABSTAINED FROM THE VOTE.

Commissioner Nick Pidek discussed the Concert at the Castle series, the dates were shared: January 30; February 27; March 26; and April 30, all in 2016. Since the last concert sold out in a few days, Nick suggested doing a second night offering it to more people. Chair Elaine Greenway and Director Robert Doran expressed an interest in doing that as well. All agreed that we would be open to having the concerts on Saturday and Sunday.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Tom Manke asked where we planned on installing the Curwood Cabin. Director Robert Doran indicated that it will be placed in the park someplace near Curwood Cabin. An exact location has yet to be determined.

ADJOURN:

COMMISSIONER CHRIS EVELETH MADE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:10, SUPPORTED BY DENNIS MAHONEY, AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED