

OWOSSO HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Regular meeting
Monday December 14, 2015
Curwood Castle

- CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Elaine Greenway called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
- PRESENT:** Chair Elaine Greenway, Vice-Chair Jennifer Mahoney, Commissioner Robert Brockway, Commissioner Chris Eveleth, Commissioner Tracey Peltier, Commissioner Jenelle Steele-Elkins, Commissioner Dennis Mahoney, Historical Facilities Director Robert Doran.
- ABSENT:** Commissioner Nick Pidek.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** COMMISSIONER JENNIFER MAHONEY MOVED TO ADD THE FOLLOWING TO THE AGENDA: 2015 HOME TOUR and DIRECTOR'S POSITION. CHAIRMAN ELAINE GREENWAY MADE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA WITH THE ADDITIONS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TRACEY PELTIER, AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.
- TREASURERS REPORT:** CHAIRMAN ELAINE GREENWAY MADE THE MOTION THE ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR JENNIFER MAHONEY. AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** COMMISSIONER CHRIS EVELETH MADE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE NOVEMBER 9, 2015 MINUTES, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR JENNIFER MAHONEY. AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.
- CITIZENS COMMENTS:**
- COMMUNICATIONS:**
- DIRECTORS REPORT:** Director Robert Doran deferred Director's report to Old and New Business.
- OLD BUSINESS:** **HOLIDAY PARTY & SILENT AUCTION WRAP UP** – Party was a GREAT success. Director Robert Doran thanked all the business and benefactors who generously donated items for the silent auction. He also thanked all the Commission members for their outstanding participation not only with the party, but with decorating the Castle. He singled out Commissioner Jennifer Mahoney for taking the lead in decorating. Director Doran passed out financials for the party. After expenses for the party and the purchase a Christmas tree for the Castle, the net profit was a little over \$2,000. Director Doran also thanked the six members from the Owosso High School Honor's Society who were present and helped during the event.

VOLUNTEERS DATABASE – Director Doran again asked all Commission members to please assist with the building of our volunteer database. This request has been made to the Commission at every meeting.

CURWOOD CABIN UPDATE – Director Doran passed out detailed photos outlining the condition of the cabin. There was a discussion of the cabin’s condition and what it is going to entail moving it from its current location to Curwood Castle Park. Doran discussed in detail the current challenge of the existing corrosive concrete chinking, what we are going to use to re-chink the structure, and how we are going to go about this process. Director Doran also talked about the overall sustainability – financial, maintenance, security and public access – of adding another building to our current holdings. Commissioner Jenelle Steele-Elkins offered to have CAD drawings completed of possible locations, foundation, etc.

NON PROFIT GROUP SUSTAINIBILITY AND CAPACITY BUILDING – Director Doran reminded the Commission of the upcoming dates for the meetings with the Non Profit Group.

DATES AND PERFORMERS FOR CASTLE CONCERT SERIES - Director Doran updated the Commission on the dates and performers for the concert series

EXTENDED HOLIDAY HOURS FOR THE CASTLE – Director Doran discussed adding evening hours for the Castle, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, through December 23. A schedule was worked out with Commission members.

MADE IN OWOSSO EXHIBITION – Director Doran updated the Commission on the first planning meeting with Piper regarding the exhibition. Details are still being working out for exact time frame and funding. A more comprehensive report will be presented at the next Historical Commission meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

OWOSSO SCHOOL CURRICULUM – Commissioner Jenelle Steele-Elkins shared several of the OHC curriculum projects she is currently driving with students. Progress of current and related curriculum initiatives will be discussed at future OHC meetings.

CURWOOD STATUE – Rick Wheeler made a presentation regarding the life-size bronze statue of James Oliver Curwood, a project he has been

driving since 2011. Director Doran passed out photos of the statue, and the photo of Curwood after which the statue was modeled. The statue is a donation from the Leslie family, in memorium of their son, who passed shortly after designing it. Nathan Leslie- who resides in North Carolina – is currently working on casting the statue, designing the pedestal and plaque, and shipping. All costs associated with the statue, including the transportation and a pedestal, are being donated by the Leslie family. **VICE CHAIR MAHONEY MADE A MOTION THAT WE ACCEPT THE DONATION OF THE STATUE FROM THE LESLIE FAMILY, WITH EXACT LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION AT A LATER DATE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TRACEY PELTIER. AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.**

HISTORICAL ARCHITECT / ENGINEERING REPORT OF THE GOULD HOUSE – Director Robert Doran discussed that the proposal had come back from the architect/engineer, and that the total amount greatly exceeded our initial expectations. Doran will go back to the architect with questions and ask for more details.

2015 Home Tour – Vice Chair Mahoney discussed developing policies and procedures regarding high school volunteers at future Home Tours or any other OHC event. The Commission agreed that such policies and procedures need to be created and implemented.

DIRECTOR'S POSITION – Vice Chair Jennifer Mahoney discussed increasing Director Doran's salary. The entire Commission agreed that his current salary was not commensurate with the tasks and responsibilities demanded by the current position. Chair Elaine Greenway agreed, suggesting that a \$5,000 increase come from the Commission, matched by the City. **VICE CHAIR JENNIFER MAHONEY MOVED THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE A \$5,000 INCREASE FROM THE COMMISSION MATCHED BY ANOTHER \$5,000 FROM THE CITY BE IMMEDIATELY APPROVED, SECONDED BY CHAIR ELAINE GREENWAY. AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED. COMMISSIONER ROBERT BROCKWAY ABSTAINED**

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

ADJOURN:

COMMISSIONER DENNIS MAHONEY MADE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:30, SUPPORTED BY JENNIFER MAHONEY. AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED