



OWOSSO HISTORICAL COMMISSION
THE CURWOOD COLLECTION

Regular Meeting of the Owosso Historical Commission

Minutes of May 10, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER: Dave Acton – Chair

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Dave Acton, Vice Chair Mark Erickson, Commissioner Gary Wilson, Commissioner Deb Adams, Mayor Pro Tem Osika, Commissioner Albert Martenis

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

APPROVE MINUTES – April 12, 2021

Motion by Wilson to approve with corrections

Supported by Adams

Passed by voice vote

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Osika to approve the agenda

Supported by Martenis

Passed by voice vote

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. **Curwood Festival Volunteers:** Ms. Grace explained that the Curwood Board does not require the OHC to provide volunteers as a participating organization. However, the volunteer list is open for people to staff the Castle and Comstock Cabin.
 - a. Ms. Grace will provide volunteer schedule to Commission.
 - b. No official action needed.

FINANCIAL REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

Henne updated the Commission on the monthly financial reports and provided details on specific monthly expenses related to Gould House maintenance. Ms. Grace updated the Commission on the latest Castle gift shop revenue since reopening.

- Moved by Osika, supported by Erickson to purchase items for the Castle gift shop.
- Motion passed by voice vote

Henne will work with city staff and Ms. Grace to order gift shop items.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Henne explained that the items reference in a letter from a local donor were located and the city spoke to Attorney McClear on what she might want the OHC to do with the items. A letter acknowledging the donation was sent by Ms. Grace.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Erickson updated the Commission on the possible Castle ornament partnership with the Shiawassee Arts Council. The cost to manufacture the ornaments is more expensive than previously thought. The Commission discussed the matter and decided to sell them at the Castle for SAC if needed.

Henne updated the commission on the Gould House survey results. The Commission discussed the possibility of having event space as well as display historic and cultural items at the same time.

Henne updated the Commission on the Gould House bids. The MCACA grant schedule will not allow for the Gould House exterior project to be grant funded. However, mechanical units of the Gould House and Castle. Henne also explained that the city fire marshal is concerned about the condition of the second floor windows of the Gould House.

- Moved by Osika to recommend City Council accept Gould House big from Moore Trosper without the handicap ramp.
- Supported by Erickson with a note that the porch repair will be done in such a way to accommodate a future handicap ramp.
- Motion passed by voice vote.

Wilson asked about the fire marshal's concerns about the 2nd floor Gould House windows and volunteered to help unstick and repair the windows.

ADJOURNMENT

Osika moved to adjourn the meeting. Wilson supported. Voice vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 P.M.