

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CLEVELAND HERITAGE COMMISSION

April 13, 2021

Members present: Jonett Valentine, Cetin Oguz, Corinne Casanova, Judy Wilson, Mickey Thompson, Emily Jones, Lynn Shurden, Judy Dilworth

Ex-Officio members present: Kenneth Taylor, John White Valentine, Billy Trotter, Katie Portner, Connie McClellan

Chair Lynn Shurden called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

After review of the minutes of the March 9, 2021 meeting, Jonett Valentine made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Mickey Thompson seconded the motion. The vote was "aye" with no opposition.

Old Business

The Cleveland Bolivar County Chamber of Commerce has outsourced all their bookkeeping and has asked the Cleveland Heritage Commission to take responsibility for their finances. The commission had voted previously to send letters to local financial institutions asking for quotes. Katie Portner, assistant city attorney, spoke with Dominique Green regarding having the city take over this responsibility. Mrs. Green stated that all funds would then become part of the city accounts, and the commission would be required to have board approval for any withdrawals. Mickey Thompson suggested that the Heritage Commission elect a treasurer to fulfill the obligation. Judy Dilworth volunteered to serve as treasurer and take on the responsibilities of that position. The Heritage Commission will now send letters to financial institutions. No vote was necessary as a motion had been approved for this in the February meeting.

Cetin Oguz presented the new, completed logo for the Cleveland Heritage Commission. Lynn Shurden requested the final invoice for payment.

Mayor Nowell has appointed an ad hoc committee to determine guidelines for murals in the downtown historic district. Any guidelines developed by this committee will have to be approved by the Heritage Commission and the city. Lynn Shurden and Cetin Oguz have been asked to serve on this committee.

New Business

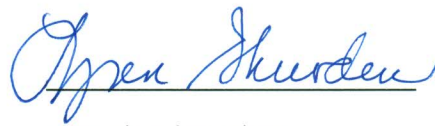
Chair Lynn Shurden introduced Claire Winn of the Mississippi Heritage Trust to the Cleveland Heritage Commission. Lynn has asked Claire and the MS Heritage Trust to review the commission's guidelines, and assist with updating and rewriting those. Claire stated that the current guidelines had the basic information, but the organization and visuals could be better. MS Heritage Trust will submit a proposal to the commission for this project.

Lara Bowman, CEO of the Cleveland Bolivar County Chamber of Commerce was a guest at the meeting. Lara was present to introduce Cade Holder, the new Director of Community Programs. Unfortunately, Cade was unable to attend, but will attend the May meeting.

Lynn Shurden gave the commission members a brief update on the CLG training provided by MDAH. The first class was titled "Responding to Disaster." At present, Cleveland Heritage Commission does not have a plan for dealing with disasters in the historic districts. MDAH will send forms and examples from other districts to help the Heritage Commission prepare a disaster plan. Corinne Casanova volunteered to work on this project.

As there was no further business, Mickey Thompson made a motion to adjourn, and Judy Dilworth seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

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Lynn Shurden, Chair