

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CLEVELAND HERITAGE COMMISSION

May 11, 2021

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

**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 April 13, 2021 meeting, Mickey Thompson made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Jordan Goins seconded the motion. The vote was "aye" with no opposition.

**Old Business**

The Cleveland Heritage Commission has taken on the responsibility of their funds and is in the process of soliciting information from financial institutions. Katie Portner suggested that Lynn Shurden or Judy Dilworth speak with Mark Hargett at Planters Bank. Planters Bank currently services the city's banking needs. Mr. Hargett can help determine what type of organization the commission is and how the account should be set up. There will need to be two people from the commission listed on the account. The treasurer will give a full accounting every month.

**New Business**

John Cox appeared before the commission to request permission to replace the awnings on the front of his business located at 109 S. Sharpe Avenue. The two new awnings will be navy blue in color. There were no questions from the commission members. Emily Jones made a motion to approve the application, and Jordan Goins seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor.

Sarah Aylward, owner of The Wishing Well, located at 341 Cotton Row appeared before the commission to request permission to replace the rotten wood around her doors and windows. One glass window will also need to be replaced. Judy Dilworth made a motion to approve the application, Corinne Casanova seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor.

Claire Winn of the Mississippi Heritage Trust sent a proposal to the Heritage Commission to update the commission's guidelines. Commission members discussed the proposal and asked to possibly have the first draft submitted by mid-July instead of August. Members also agreed on the cost as given by Claire Winn, which is not to exceed 7500.00. Emily Jones made a motion to accept the proposal; Jonett Valentine seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Lynn Shurden spoke briefly about the downtown breezeway, and mentioned that she is anticipating a request for additional funds from the breezeway committee.

Lynn also reported that the ad hoc mural committee has met twice, and has done a lot of research on murals. The committee will meet again on May 14, 2021. New mural guidelines will be presented to the Heritage Commission for approval.

The former Magnolia Cleaners building on South Sharpe is for sale. While the building itself is not essential, there are two large magnolia trees on the property which should be preserved.

John White Valentine asked the commission if anything could be done about the businesses in town which have fences with barbed wire or razor wire on top. He feels that these fences are very unattractive and detract from the overall appearance of the town.

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

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lynn Shurden". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Lynn Shurden, Chair