

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CLEVELAND HERITAGE COMMISSION

July 13, 2021

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

Ex-Officio members present: 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 June 8, 2021 meeting, Mickey Thompson made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Corinne Casanova seconded the motion. The vote was "aye" with no opposition.

New Business

Emily Jones made a motion to appoint Connie McClellan as the interim CLG coordinator. Judy Wilson seconded the motion, and the vote was all in favor with no opposition.

Old Business

Katie Portner, assistant city attorney, discussed the changes which were made to the mural guidelines after the June 8, 2021 meeting, and answered questions from the Heritage Commission members. The Heritage Commission mural guidelines will be a separate set of rules, and the historical sections of the city will have heightened regulations.

Chet Oguz made a motion to accept the city's new mural guidelines, and Emily Jones seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor, with no opposition.

Claire Winn of the Mississippi Heritage Trust will have a rough draft of the new Heritage Commission guidelines available before the August meeting. Commission members questioned what recourse the commission would have if guidelines are not followed. Penalties for nonconformance will be spelled out in the new guidelines. Education is key to making certain that everyone understands and follows the guidelines. Presentations will be made to civic groups and downtown merchants and building owners.

Lynn Shurden submitted the annual budget funding request to the city. At this time, the Heritage Commission still does not have a checking account. Lynn will discuss with Dominique Green the possibility of letting the city handle the Heritage Commission's finances.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lynn Shurden". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underlining the name.

Lynn Shurden, Chair