

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CLEVELAND HERITAGE COMMISSION

September 14, 2021

Members present: Jonett Valentine, Jordan Goins, Lynn Shurden, Judy Dilworth, Mickey Thompson

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 August 10, 2021 meeting, Mickey Thompson made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Jonett Valentine seconded the motion. The vote was "aye" with no opposition.

New Business

Marie Ware submitted an application for a sign for her new business located at 327 Cotton Row, along with the proper sign documentation. The new sign will hang above the current awning, and will be acrylic letters mounted to the brick wall. The sign will not be lighted. Mrs. Ware also requested approval to paint the door of the business "Pineapple Cream". Mickey Thompson made a motion to approve the application, and Jordan Goins made a second to the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Chair Lynn Shurden requested to renew Heritage Commission members' memberships in the MS Heritage Trust. The cost for each member will be fifty dollars. Jonett Valentine made a motion to approve the membership renewals, and Judy Dilworth seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Old Business

Claire Winn of the Mississippi Heritage Trust presented the latest draft of the new Heritage Commission guidelines to commission members. Commission members discussed a few minor changes with Claire, and voiced their approval on the overall content of the guidelines. Claire will return at the October meeting with the final draft for the official acceptance of the new guidelines by the commission. The Heritage Commission will make plans to host educational meetings with business and property owners the first week of November.

Heritage Commission members again discussed nomination of candidates to serve on the newly organized Public Arts Commission. Chet Oguz was chosen to represent the Heritage Commission, Billy Trotter will represent Community Development, and Myrtis Tabb will represent the Beautification Commission. Several suggestions were made for candidates for the other open positions, and Heritage Commission hopes to have a final list of candidates by the October meeting.

The Heritage Commission will officially move their finances to the city on October 1, 2021. Katie Portner will provide the commission with a list of guidelines for purchases. Large expenditures will require

approval of the mayor and board of aldermen. Of the \$10,000 appropriated for the Beautification Commission breezeway project, \$3,599.35 remains.

The Heritage Commission made changes to the bylaws of the commission in December 2020; however, a vote for approval of those changes was not made at that time. Mickey Thompson made a motion to approve the changes to the Heritage Commission bylaws, and Jordan Goins seconded the motion. The motion was approved with all members in favor of the changes.

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

Cleveland Heritage Commission

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