



Cuyahoga County Monument Commission

Minutes

June 26, 2026

8:30 AM

County Administration Building, Room 5-006

Call to Order – Meeting of Friday, June 26, 2026

Patrick Hewitt called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Roll call showed a quorum.

Attending –

Patrick W. Hewitt

Patti Choby

Joseph Nanni

Dr. Judith Cetina

Juan Quirarte

Thomas Yablonsky

Absent –

Matt Rymer

Guests –

Annette Linden, County Planning

Ryan Geary, Cuyahoga County Department of Law

1. Minutes – January 30, 2026 and April 24, 2026 meeting minutes approved. On a motion by Patti Choby, seconded by Juan Quirarte, to accept the minutes, the vote was unanimously approved.
2. Public Comments – None
3. Update on Changes to Monument Application – The Professional Specifications section has been updated as discussed and voted on in the last Monument Commission meeting and will be posted to the website.
4. Monuments Survey (Assessment & Maintenance Program) Update – The Department of Public Works and Monument Commission are ending the contract with McKay Lodge at the request of the firm, which is closing. The Commission discussed potential paths forward and decided to convene a subcommittee to evaluate next steps and determine whether it be an RFP or another contract method.

5. Siegel & Shuster Tribute Plaza Maintenance – The stainless steel metal beneath the stone base, on the telephone booth, and on the Superman statue is experiencing maintenance issues with what looks like rust. The Siegel & Shuster Society and the Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland have requested money from the required escrow account to make the repairs needed. Discussion followed to find out more information and a meeting with the Society and Convention Center is planned.

The foundry asked if Cuyahoga County is interested in the molds of the bronze statues of Siegel, Shuster, and Joanne Siegel. The foundry will store the molds for a set amount of time after the statues are cast and then start charging for storage or destroy them. Superman molds are at a different foundry and there is not presently a discussion about disposing of them.

6. Additions to Monument Inventory – Item was tabled until the return of Matt Rymer who has insight into all the pieces.
7. Jesse Owens Monument Update – Tarra Petras from the City of Cleveland stated to Patrick that there is no movement on any planning for Jesse Owens. She intended to follow up with the interested parties about building a new team to assist with planning for the Jesse Owens and Olympic Plaza project.
8. Good and Welfare – Next meeting is July 31st unless a special meeting is necessary to discuss maintenance issues for the Siegel and Shuster Tribute Plaza.
9. Adjournment – With no further business to discuss, Patrick Hewitt adjourned the meeting at 9:11 a.m.