



Cuyahoga County Monument Commission

Minutes

June 27, 2025

8:30 AM

County Administration Building, Room 5-006

Call to Order – Meeting of Friday, June 27, 2025

Patrick Hewitt called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m. roll call showed a quorum.

Attending –

Patrick W. Hewitt

Joseph Nanni

Juan Quirarte

Matt Rymer

Patti Choby

Absent –

Dr. Judith G. Cetina

Thomas Yablonsky

Guests –

Annette Linden, County Planning

Ryan Geary, County Law

Greg Huth, County Law

Mark Heidorf, County Law

Greg Patt, Siegel & Shuster Society

Virtually –

Nicholas Slaughterbeck, Architect

Ellis Katz, County Convention Center

Jim Gwinner, McKay Lodge

Gary Kaplin, Siegel & Shuster Society

1. Minutes – January 31, 2025 meeting minutes approved. On a motion by Joseph Nanni, seconded by Juan Quirarte, to accept the minutes as written, the vote was unanimously approved.
2. Public Comments – No Public Comments.

3. Monuments Survey (Assessment & Maintenance Program): Matt Rymer gave contracting updates and updates on the scheduling of phase 1, which would include an assessment of all monuments. Jim Gwinner of McKay Lodge will be sending proposals for assessments of monuments based on media (i.e. painting, stone, historical) and conservators' specialties. The proposals will include corresponding duties for doing assessments and writing recommendations on the findings. Following the assessment, the next step would then be to prioritize the monuments according to need.
4. M034: Siegel and Shuster Tribute Plaza (Superman Statue): Patrick Hewitt reported that previously the Monuments Commission had approved the statues in the plaza; that the contract between Siegel & Shuster Society, Convention Center, and Cuyahoga County had been previously authorized but has been updated; and that the design of pavers and the sign on the site were still being discussed. Applicants have now proposed new signs and plaques for naming donors instead of the pavers. The updated design, the final contract, and a letter between Siegel & Shuster Society and DC Comics over intellectual property were distributed to members. After discussion with the applicants, it was decided to have a Special Meeting to approve the final Donation and Maintenance Agreement on Wednesday, July 9th, 2025, to meet the planned unveiling date of August 2nd, 2025.
5. Good and Welfare – The terms of Patrick Hewitt, Matt Rymer and Patti Choby on the Monuments Commission end on August 31, 2025. All are in the process of reviewing for reappointment by the County Executive.
6. Adjournment – With no further business to discuss, Patrick Hewitt adjourned the meeting at 9:25 a.m.