



Cuyahoga County Monument Commission

Minutes

August 23, 2024

8:30 AM

County Administration Building, Room 5-006

Call to Order – Meeting of Friday, August 23, 2024

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

Attending –

Dr. Judith G. Cetina

Patrick W. Hewitt

Joseph Nanni

Juan Quirarte

Matt Rymer

Absent –

Patti Choby

Thomas Yablonsky

Guests –

Annette Linden, County Planning

Mark Heidorf, County Law

Ryan Geary, County Law

1. Minutes – May 3, 2024 meeting minutes approved. On a motion by Joseph Nanni, seconded by Dr. Judith Cetina, to accept the minutes as written, the vote was unanimously approved.
2. Public Comments – No Public Comments but Patrick Hewitt introduced Ryan Geary from County Law, who will be the primary representative from the Law Department with Mark Heidorf being the alternate.
3. Monuments Assessment & Maintenance Program: Contracting Updates – Matt Rymer reported that the contract with McKay Lodge should be advanced to Board of Control in September depending on the time it takes for McKay Lodge to produce a requested insurance endorsement for general liability coverage. McKay Lodge had requested a waiver to the professional liability requirement of the RFP and proposed contract. Risk Management was in discussions with McKay Lodge and determined that this can be waived for the assessment portion but will be revisited before any maintenance activities can be performed.

Patrick Hewitt spoke with Julie Reilly who was the Director of ICA for input, and she described assessments when it comes to conservation work as typically called surveys. Assessments is a term used to describe the organization's ability to maintain the statues. This wording may need to be changed in the future in the Monuments Commission.

McKay Lodge may be invited to the next meeting to discuss expectations.

4. M034: Siegel and Shuster Tribute Plaza (Superman Statue) Maintenance Plan – Matt Rymer stated that this statue will be a part of the McKay Lodge assessment and maintenance plan development. This is the thirty-fourth statue in the County inventory.
5. M012: Jesse Owens Monument Relocation – It was proposed to add an assessment of the feasibility and cost of moving the statue as part of the contract with McKay Lodge. Patrick Hewitt brought up examining the artist's intent as part of the McKay Lodge assessment before moving any statues.
6. Good and Welfare – Patrick Hewitt brought up the issue of all the fallen trees that were in Fort Huntington Park because of recent storm damage. The Group Plan Commission could be invited to the next meeting to discuss future landscaping.
7. Adjournment – With no further business to discuss, on a motion by Dr. Judith Cetina, seconded by Juan Quirarte, the Commission unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting.

Next Meeting is Friday, September 27th 2024.