



Cuyahoga County Monument Commission

Minutes

February 18, 2022

8:30AM

County Administration Building, Room 5-006

Call to Order – Meeting of Friday, February 18, 2022

Patrick Hewitt called the meeting to order at 8:33AM.

1. Attending -

Dr. Judith G. Cetina – via Zoom

Patti Choby– via Zoom

Patrick W. Hewitt

Joseph Nanni

Jill Paulsen

Juan Quirarte– via Zoom

Matt Rymer

Absent-

Guests-

Annette Linden

Kevin Robinette

Jared Zibritoski – via Zoom

2. Minutes – January 14, 2022 approved. On a motion by Joseph Nanni, seconded by Matt Rymer the vote was unanimously approved.
3. Public Comments- none
4. Monument Inventory and Assessment –
Matt Rymer is from Public Works and the department has several general architecture and engineering contracts and one is with Kevin Robinette. Mr. Robinette has done similar work for the County in the past with a planning horizon of assessment and evaluation. Mr. Robinette also has some history with preservation and documentation projects. The plan would be to get all the information on current monuments with site visits to document and inventory with a level of condition and evaluation to support this commission. Mr. Robinette introduced himself with his work history and experience. Commission members spoke on the expectations and results to add to a scope of work such as an organized way to inventory what already exists, ownership, placement, maintenance plans with recommendation for upkeep, information on who is represented, and

identify age and condition. Mr. Rymer offered to bring in the building trades to assist if needed and the Commission has a list started that will be supplied.

5. Discussion of Evaluation Criteria – Application Form Feedback

Per the last meeting a draft application form was sent to Gregory Peckham from Land Studio for feedback. Mr. Peckham had a couple of ideas. One was the question that asks “What constituencies or communities have been engaged in the development of this idea and in what way(s)? What has been the public outreach?” The next question was about the necessary maintenance as well as answering an application question about the source(s) and amount of funds that will be set aside by the project sponsor addressing inevitable maintenance needs. Maintenance, public engagement, and an MOU for accepting monuments should be brought up in a future meeting and to use the help of the County Law Department to develop the MOU.

6. Retention Schedule –

Dr. Cetina produced a draft retention schedule and explained the process for accepting the schedule until it reaches the Auditor of State for implementation. The Committee discussed the applications and needing to keep the successful and non-successful applications also the paper versus electronic versions of reports. The Committee agreed to provide feedback and recommendations to Dr. Cetina on the records retention schedule to update and bring back to the next meeting.

7. Good and Welfare –

Mr. Hewitt reported on meeting Julie Reilly, Executive Director from ICA Art Conservation on Detroit Road. Mr. Hewitt learned about the incredible work being done and recommended others to take the tour if possible. Ms. Riley shared some good ideas including existing resources from Sculpting Ohio which includes mapping and inventory resources. The conversation led to a policy as to what kind of sculptures would be acceptable and unacceptable and ICA shared resources on the topic that Mr. Hewitt will share with the Committee.

Mr. Nanni spoke about the Superman statue and the organization that is promoting this endeavor. There are now sites being considered for construction though this is in its early stages.

Mr. Hewitt reported about the Jesse Owens statue, a representative for University Circle Incorporated expressed interest in continuing a conversation. A community process was discussed, and it spoke to the application process being considered.

Dr. Cetina gave an open invitation for meetings to be held at the Archives if needed.

Zoom meetings are now allowed through June 2022, after discussion it was decided to continue with hybrid meetings.

Next meeting schedule for Friday, March 18, 2022, 2:00PM, County Administration Building, Room 5-006.

8. Adjournment – With no further business to discuss, on motion by Joseph Nanni, seconded by Jill Paulsen the commission unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 9:28AM.