



Cuyahoga County Monument Commission

Minutes

March 18, 2022

2:00 PM

County Administration Building, Room 5-006

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

Patrick Hewitt called the meeting to order at 2:03 PM.

1. Attending –

Dr. Judith G. Cetina
Patti Choby–via Zoom
Patrick W. Hewitt
Joseph Nanni
Jill Paulsen–via Zoom
Juan Quirarte
Matt Rymer

Absent –

Guests –

Annette Linden
Elise Yablonsky–via Zoom
Jared Zibritosky–via Zoom

2. Minutes – February 18, 2022 approved. On a motion by Joseph Nanni, seconded by Matt Rymer to accept the minutes as presented, the vote was unanimously approved.
3. Public Comments – none
4. Jesse Owens Park and Statue –
Elise Yablonsky, a representative for University Circle, Inc., gave a presentation that explained the meaning and history of the Jesse Owens tree planted in Rockefeller Park at University Circle, north of the lagoon. After community feedback and engagement, a plan was developed that includes a pathway around the tree representing the 200-meter, 100 meter and long jump. A wall with podium-style seating with memorial markers and quotes relating to Jesse Owens will also be built. Ms. Yablonsky reported that the organization is two-thirds of the way to needed funding to move forward on the work this year. Moving the Jesse Owen statue that is located next to the courthouse on East 3rd Street and Lakeside to University Circle could be an option. Discussion followed regarding condition, maintenance, and funding for the moving of the statue.

5. Monument Inventory and Assessment Update –
Matt Rymer reported that a task order to proceed with a monument inventory and assessment has been sent to Kevin Robinette. The contract is a not to exceed \$7,100 and will start with Ford Huntington Park.
6. Application Form –
Mr. Hewitt noted the changes included to the application form after the last meeting. On a motion by Joseph Nanni seconded by Dr. Judith Cetina to accept the changes to the application form the vote was unanimously approved.
7. Retention Schedule –
Dr. Cetina produced an updated retention schedule explaining the schedule and the process for accepting the schedule until it reaches the Auditor of State for implementation. Dr. Cetina invited Mr. Hewitt to attend the next records Commission meeting in the spring to represent the Monuments Commission. There was discussion on where the documents should be maintained, and it was decided that County Planning Commission would be responsible since a representative is required to be on the Monument Commission. Dr. Cetina stated that the retention schedule should be available on the Monuments Commission website when approved. On a motion by Patti Choby, seconded by Juan Quirarte to approve the revised retention schedule, the vote was unanimously approved.
8. Good and Welfare –
Mr. Hewitt asked about the progress on Maintenance cost and an MOU with ownership that Jerad Zibritosky and Joseph Nanni are researching, and it is still ongoing. Jill Paulsen asked about the COVID memorial, and Mr. Hewitt stated that the County and City of Cleveland will be working together, and an RFP is being finalized.
9. 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 2:49 PM.