



Cuyahoga County Monument Commission

Minutes

May 27, 2022

8:30 AM

County Administration Building, Room 5-006

Call to Order – Meeting of Friday, May 27, 2022

Patrick Hewitt called the meeting to order at 8:36 AM.

1. Attending –

Patti Choby

Patrick W. Hewitt

Joseph Nanni

Jill Paulsen

Juan Quirarte–via Zoom

Matt Rymer

Absent –

Dr. Judith G. Cetina

Guests –

Annette Linden

Jared Zibritoski–via Zoom

Trevor McAleer

Ed Morra

2. Minutes – March 18, 2022 approved. On a motion by Joseph Nanni, seconded by Patti Choby to accept the minutes with spelling of name corrections, the vote was unanimously approved.
3. Public Comments – Ed Morra does large interactive public art and wanted to visit and see the work of the Monument Commission.
4. Monument Inventory and Assessment Update –
Matt Rymer gave a presentation with a handout from the work of Kevin Robinette, who is in the process of inventorying and documenting physical condition of monuments. Jill Paulsen asked if the inventory would give demographics of artists and projects. Juan Quirarte requested that the maintenance description of each piece be included to be able to maintain the structures. Patrick Hewitt added that Julie Riley of the Intermuseum Conservation Association could be a great resource for guidance in preservation and a tour or a meeting with this commission could be beneficial. The Jesse Owens project was raised as to how the projects fits into the inventory and what is the status of the statue. For instance, who owns the statue, would it be loaned, who

would absorb the cost of moving the statue if decided. Patti Choby brought up a side note from the owner that is donating the original Jesse Owens oak tree that they would like to have a permanent marker at James Ford High School in the place of the tree being removed.

5. Expiring Terms Update –
Patti Choby, Patrick Hewitt, and Matt Rymer have terms that will expire at the end of August 2022.
6. COVID-19 Memorial Update –
7. Patrick Hewitt announced that an RFP was issued two (2) weeks ago for the COVID-19 memorial. On May 31, 2022 is a pre-bid conference, and on June 16, 2022 proposals are due. Patrick Hewitt thanks everyone on the commission that is also a member of the task force that helped with the RFP and talked about a scoring committee that will be forming. Patti Choby suggested that a scoring committee have new members and new voices while thanking all of those involved in the task committee so there are no preconceived notions in the criteria.
8. Superman statue Update –
Joseph Nanni and Trevor McAleer updated the commission that the Superman Statue is fully funded from the license plate program. Councilperson Pernel Jones is assisting the nonprofit family members of the creator of superman, Siegel & Shuster Society, in finding the location and it may be outside the site of the convention center. Patrick Hewitt reminded Trevor McAleer that the Monument Commission has an application, and it may be beneficial to share this with the Superman group for review. The art for the statue will need to go through review from the DC Comic executives who own the trademark as this process proceeds. There was discussion on who would win in a battle: Superman or Batman.
9. Good and Welfare –
Next meeting will be Friday June 24th at 8:30 AM in room 5-006.
10. Adjournment – With no further business to discuss, on motion by Joseph Nanni, seconded by Matt Rymer the commission unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 AM