



Cuyahoga County Monument Commission

Minutes

June 24, 2022

8:30 AM

County Administration Building, Room 5-006

Call to Order – Meeting of Friday, June 24, 2022

Patrick Hewitt called the meeting to order at 8:32 AM. Roll call showed a quorum.

1. Attending –

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

Absent –

Guests –

Annette Linden
Jared Zibritosky
Ratha, Cambodian exchange intern shadowing Joe Nanni
Greg Patt, Treasurer Siegal & Schumer Foundation
Kevin Robinette–via Zoom

2. Minutes – May 27, 2022, approved. On a motion by Joseph Nanni, seconded by Juan Quirarte to accept the minutes with spelling of name corrections, the vote was unanimously approved.
3. Public Comments – Greg Patt introduced himself as the Treasurer of Siegal and Shuster Society and gave a brief history and goals.
4. Monument Inventory and Assessment Update –Matt Rymer later Kevin Robinette joined and gave an update on the monument assessments. Now the deliverables need to be decided and shaped with all the information gathered. There will be a six-week extension amendment to the contract with Mr. Robinette.
5. Expiring Terms Update –Patti Choby, Patrick Hewitt, and Matt Rymer have terms that will expire at the end of August 2022 and all three have been renominated.

6. Monument Agreement Update – Jared Zibritsky explained that more specific facts will be needed to complete the draft monument agreement. Mr. Zibritsky will need to know who is responsible for what, for how long, how will those responsibilities be divided, and how will they be paid for. These will be long term commitments that are more complicated and need discussion. The Superman statue could be used as a model and Mr. Patt volunteered to give a user’s perspective to help with the process.
7. Superman Statue Update –Patrick Hewitt reminded the group of the process for approval, first was a letter of interest, followed by a formal application, input from County Departments, preliminary review and final review for approval and construction. Mr. Patt stated that a timeline for each part of the approval process would be helpful. There is money from donations and the license plate sales to cover expenses for the statue. Mr. Patt is working with experts to get the weight of the statue so no problems will be caused on top of the convention center. The last hurdle Mr. Patt stated will be to get permission from DC Comics who owns the copyright and to work with the City of Cleveland and other review bodies for necessary approvals.
8. Retention Schedule Update – Dr. Judy Cetina is planning a meeting in August 2022, and she will notify Mr. Hewitt with the time and date to represent the Monuments Commission for the retention schedule.
9. Review Criteria – Patrick Hewitt reported that while the application is together there is no criteria to review the monuments. Ms. Paulsen stated that it is embedded in the application and Ms. Choby agreed so they volunteered to draft criteria to bring back to the commission.
10. Meeting Calendar – Last Friday of each month was made into a standing meeting date 2022. The August 26th meeting will be at ICA and Julie Wiley will host the meeting and a tour.
11. Good and Welfare – Mr. Hewitt announced that the City of Cleveland is wanting to move the Jesse Owens statue to an Olympic Park. Mr. Hewitt is reaching out to Jamie DeRosa for more information as this is not the area the Commission discussed moving the Jesse Owens statue. Matt Rymer shared the FRONT International along with Land Studio is conceptualizing their art display in the next few months and Mr. Rymer will email the information to the Commission. Patti Choby would like to add a community engagement process for the Jesse Owens statue to the next meeting agenda. Patrick Hewitt reported that only one submission for the COVID-19 memorial so Public Works will continue to work on next steps for a monument.
12. Adjournment – With no further business to discuss, on motion by Juan Quirarte, seconded by Dr. Judy Cetina the commission unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 AM.