



Cuyahoga County Monument Commission

Minutes

July 29, 2022

8:30 AM

County Administration Building, Room 5-006

Call to Order – Meeting of Friday, July 29, 2022

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

1. Attending –

Dr. Judith G. Cetina – non-voting via Zoom

Patti Choby – non-voting via Zoom

Patrick W. Hewitt

Jill Paulsen

Juan Quirarte

Matt Rymer

Absent –

Joseph Nanni

Guests –

Annette Linden

Jerad Zibritosky–via Zoom

2. Minutes – June 29, 2022, approved. On a motion by Juan Quirarte, seconded by Matt Rymer, to accept the minutes with spelling, grammar, and attendance corrections, the vote was unanimously approved.
3. Public Comments – No Public Comments.
4. Monument Inventory and Assessment Update – Matt Rymer provided an update that the contract for Kevin Robinette has been amended. The field work has been completed and now input from the commission is needed. A potential meeting date of Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup> was discussed for those who showed interest in assisting with data fields for the inventory. Matt Rymer will be setting up a OneDrive folder to share the inventory that has been collected. Kevin Robinette is to reach out to Dr. Cetina about monuments at the County Archives.

At the Justice Center stakeholders meeting, attended by Matt Rymer, it was shared that the Court of Common Pleas is developing an inventory of art at the Justice Center. Mr. Darren Toms provided a draft document of “Art at the Justice Center” and is willing to partner to help the Monument Commission with their inventory. Dr. Cetina added that there are documents at the archives especially for the 2012 centennial celebration on art at the courthouse.

Patrick Hewitt spoke of a subcommittee to compile all the information being received for the inventory and assessment. Patti Choby suggested an ad-hoc member from outside the commission to assist in gathering information. On a motion by Patrick Hewitt to establish a subcommittee for the monument inventory and assessment, seconded by Matt Rymer, the vote was unanimously approved. Matt Rymer volunteered to chair the subcommittee.

5. Public Involvement Requirements Discussion – Patti Choby spoke of the importance of creating a public input process. Patti Choby suggested developing an online page describing the monument inventory and assessment process, and furthermore, using the online page to gather public opinion on the potential for relocating the Jesse Owens statue. This could be a sample project for a public input process and involvement plan for future projects including the potential Superman statue. Patrick Hewitt clarified that this would involve a robust website with the inventory and the ability to poll for public opinion.
6. Superman Statue Update – Patti Choby contacted Greg Patt and introduced him to a representative from Cleveland Landmarks. Because the statue will be placed on the Mall, it will go through Landmarks for approval.
7. Retention Schedule Update – Dr. Judith Cetina is planning a meeting in August 2022 and will notify Patrick Hewitt to attend. A discussion was held about video recordings of Commission meetings, which are only used until the minutes are approved. Those records can be considered at a later date.
8. Good and Welfare – Mr. Hewitt reported that County Council will give final approval of Patrick Hewitt, Patti Choby, and Matt Rymer to continue as members of the Commission at the next meeting. At the committee meeting there was interest in the monument commission including a future presentation.

Mr. Hewitt announced that the August 26<sup>th</sup> meeting could be at ICA and would include a tour.

9. Adjournment – With no further business to discuss, on motion by Juan Quirarte, seconded by Dr. Judith Cetina, the commission unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 AM.