



Cuyahoga County Monument Commission

Minutes

October 28, 2022

8:30 AM

County Administration Building, Room 5-006

Call to Order – Meeting of Friday, October 28, 2022

Patrick Hewitt called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. Roll call showed a quorum.

1. Attending –

Dr. Judith G. Cetina

Patrick W. Hewitt

Joseph Nanni

Juan Quirarte

Matt Rymer

Absent –

Patti Choby

Jill Paulsen

Guests –

Annette Linden, County Planning

Mark Heidorf, County Law

2. Minutes – September 30, 2022, approved. On a motion by Juan Quirarte, seconded by Matt Rymer, to accept the minutes, the vote was unanimously approved.

3. Public Comments – No Public Comments.

Joseph Nanni arrived

4. Budgeting and Inventory/Assessment Scope– Patrick Hewitt provided a copy of a letter put together in support of a budget request that would go to County Council. The requested monies would go towards a detailed assessment of the condition of existing monuments, a maintenance schedule for those monuments, and an equity assessment. Discussion followed and an amount of \$95,000 was added to the letter for an RFP process that would be conducted by Public Works. Matt Rymer added that Public Works was in support of adding the funds to the facilities budget with a separate index code. Matt also added that he has not received the final narrative report with condition assessment and recommendations from Kevin Robinette.

On a motion by Joseph Nanni, seconded by Patrick Hewitt, to accept the letter asking Council for \$95,000, the vote was unanimously approved.

5. Noguchi "Portal" Monument Condition– Patti Choby was not able to attend this meeting to report on the condition of this monument.
6. Jesse Owens Statue Relocation Update – Patrick Hewitt spoke with Tarra Petras, City of Cleveland, Public Arts Coordinator. There is a separate proposal for an Olympic Plaza near the Jesse Owens tree area, and there have been discussions about relocating the Jesse Owens statue to this Olympic Plaza. Patrick wanted the commission to be aware of the initiative, however no funding has been raised.
7. Good and Welfare – Joseph Nanni gave an update on the Superman statue. Councilperson Jones received an email that stated the artist Ron Dewey may not be able to finish the statue so the society is continuing to review alternative paths forward.

Patrick Hewitt announces that there may be nothing on the agenda for the November 18th meeting so the next meeting will be on December 16, 2022.

8. Adjournment – With no further business to discuss, on motion by Judith Cetina, seconded by Matt Rymer, the commission unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 AM.