



Cuyahoga County Monument Commission

Minutes

November 22, 2024

8:30 AM

County Administration Building, Room 5-006

Call to Order – Meeting of Friday, November 22, 2024

Patrick Hewitt called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Roll call showed a quorum.

Attending –

Dr. Judith G. Cetina

Patrick W. Hewitt

Joseph Nanni

Juan Quirarte

Matt Rymer

Patti Choby

Thomas Yablonsky

Absent –

Guests –

Annette Linden, County Planning

Ryan Geary, County Law

Jim Gwinner, McKay Lodge-virtually

1. Minutes – August 23, 2024 meeting minutes approved. On a motion by Joseph Nanni, seconded by Matt Rymer, to accept the minutes as written, the vote was unanimously approved.
2. Public Comments – No Public Comments.
3. Monuments Assessment & Maintenance Program: Contracting Updates – Matt Rymer reported that the contract with McKay Lodge has been advanced to Board of Control and will be on the agenda for next Monday's meeting. The contract will then go in front of Council before Thanksgiving. Jim Gwinner stated that the contract will be signed by McKay Lodge and returned to the County as soon as received so that it should be active in December 2024. Mr. Gwinner also reported on the plan to implement the contract and how monuments will be prioritized based on location and weather to allow the most efficient use of time. Patrick Hewitt added that there will be a new Superman statue added to the assessment & maintenance list, and the feasibility of the Jesse Owens Statue being moved in the future will be an element of the plan.

Thomas Yablonsky arrives at 8:46 a.m.

4. M034: Siegel and Shuster Tribute Plaza (Superman Statue) Maintenance Plan – Patrick Hewitt reported that the base has been completed, and the Siegel and Shuster Society continues to fundraise for construction and ongoing support of the monument. Joseph Nanni will invite the Siegel and Shuster Society to the January 2025 meeting to give a progress update.
5. 2025 Meeting Schedule – Patrick Hewitt introduced the 2025 meeting schedule and reminded the group that January is the organizational meeting. Nomination for Chair and Vice-Chair will be voted on at that meeting. On a motion by Dr. Judith Cetina, seconded by Patti Choby the 2025 meeting schedule was accepted as presented.
6. Good and Welfare – Patrick Hewitt reported the Group Plan Commission which oversaw the maintenance of Public Square and the Malls, which also includes Fort Huntington Park, transferred the responsibilities to Downtown Cleveland Alliance. Mr. Hewitt was planning to have a conversation with Downtown Cleveland Alliance about their plans for the areas and other potential coordination developments.
7. Adjournment – With no further business to discuss, Patrick Hewitt adjourned the meeting at 9:02 a.m.

Next Meeting is Friday, December 20th, 2024.