



Cuyahoga County Monument Commission

Minutes

December 19, 2025

8:30 AM

County Administration Building, Room 4-407

Call to Order – Meeting of Friday, December 19, 2025

Patrick Hewitt called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. Roll call showed a quorum.

Attending –

Patrick W. Hewitt

Juan Quirarte

Matt Rymer

Patti Choby

Thomas Yablonsky

Absent –

Dr. Judith Cetina

Joseph Nanni

Guests –

Annette Linden, County Planning

Ryan Geary, Cuyahoga County Department of Law

Eric Mack, Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works

Dan Shinkle, City of Cleveland Planning Commission

Virtually –

1. Minutes – October 31, 2025 meeting minutes approved. On a motion by Matt Rymer, seconded by Patti Choby, to accept the minutes as written, the vote was unanimously approved.
2. Public Comments – None
3. City of Cleveland Lakefront Development Discussion – Dan Shinkle, City of Cleveland Planning Commission, presented a slide show explaining the plans for the Downtown Cleveland Lakefront, North Coast Connector, and anticipated development that is in process. This includes plans for transportation changes that may impact Cuyahoga County Monuments at Fort Huntington Park, as well as public art that will be moved or added along

the lakefront. Discussion followed about keeping communication open between the County and the City as this process advances.

4. Monuments Survey (Assessment & Maintenance Program) Update – Patrick Hewitt explained that the subcommittee that included Patti Choby and Matt Rymer is continuing to work with McKay Lodge to undertake the assessments. McKay Lodge has completed assessments of the paintings and stained glass. Patrick added them to the inventory spread sheet with anticipated repairs and associated costs. Matt added that a meeting with McKay Lodge is necessary to revisit the core purpose of the contract as there seems to be a jump from current assessment to the treatment and proposal, without an annual assessment and maintenance plan.
5. Additions to Monument Inventory – Patrick Hewitt moved to table the new additions to the Monument Inventory discussion.
 - a. Metzenbaum Center Wall Hangings
 - b. Jane Edna Hunter Statue
 - c. Archives Building Ceramic Tiles
 - d. Archives Building Thomas Jefferson Statue
6. Public Engagement Procedures and Website Updates – Patti Choby introduced a set of recommendations for language and procedural changes to promote more public outreach and engagement. The commission is to review and add to the next meeting agenda for approval. Patrick Hewitt will send the changes to all members to read for approval in 2026.
7. Good and Welfare – Commission members took a moment to remember Hunter Morrison who passed away this week and Tim Donovan who passed away in October of this year for their contributions to Cleveland.
8. Adjournment – With no further business to discuss, Patrick Hewitt adjourned the meeting at 9:44 a.m.