



Cuyahoga County Monument Commission

Minutes

January 31, 2025

8:30 AM

County Administration Building, Room 5-006

Call to Order – Meeting of Friday, January 31, 2025

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

Nicholas Slaughterbeck

1. Minutes – November 22, 2024 meeting minutes approved. On a motion by Patti Choby, seconded by Joseph Nanni, to accept the minutes as written, the vote was unanimously approved.
2. Public Comments – No Public Comments.
3. Election of Officers – The nominations were opened for the Chair position. Patrick Hewitt was nominated, and he consented. With no other nominations, it was closed. A motion was made by Joseph Nanni, seconded by Patti Choby, with a roll call, the vote was unanimous.

The nominations were opened for the Vice Chair position. Dr. Judith Cetina was nominated, and she consented. With no other nominations, it was closed. A motion was made by Patrick Hewitt, seconded by Patti Choby, with a roll call, the vote was unanimous.

4. M034: Siegel and Shuster Tribute Plaza (Superman Statue): Updated Design. Nicholas Slaughterbeck, speaking as the monument sponsor, said more changes are needed to the design of this monument. The granite with the names is still being proposed but may need to be smaller, the group would like to come back to the Monuments Commission with clear ideas for design.

On a motion by Joseph Nanni, seconded by Dr. Judith Cetina, the resolution was tabled by unanimous vote.

The question was asked about the granite and the fonts used; it was revealed that the granite had already been purchased. The Commission continued discussions on ways to prevent monuments from being produced before all the materials and designs are approved, perhaps with clarity in the application.

5. Monuments Survey (Assessment & Maintenance Program): Contracting Updates and First Steps. Matt Rymer reported that Jim Gwinner from McKay Lodge reached out to Matt to start. A phone meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, February 11th at 1:00 pm. The consultant intends to start this winter, with additional field work in the future. Matt will produce a scope of initial tasks and a notice to proceed letter.

Matt Rymer continued reporting that he is working with Greg Huth from the County Law Department on the maintenance agreement for the Siegal and Shuster Tribute Plaza. This will need to be added to the inventory with notes for requested monument upkeep. This will be used to guide the County, which is responsible for upkeep.

6. Good and Welfare – Patrick Hewitt reported that a letter was received from County Council appointing Pernel Jones Jr. to the Monument Commission with Joseph Nanni as the alternate. Also, there is legislation going through for virtual meetings and it may be practical to have them in place. A resolution would be needed, and it would be vetted through the law department and changed in the policy manual when decided.
7. Adjournment – With no further business to discuss, Patrick Hewitt adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Next Meeting is Friday, March 28th, 2025.