

Minutes of the **August 27, 2012**, special meeting  
of the **Owosso Historical Commission** held  
at the Curwood Castle, 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: City Treasurer Ronald Tobey, and Chairman Michael Erfourth, Paul Heimnick, Scott Newman, Don Schneider, Lorraine Weckwert and Gary Wilson

Members Absent: Joni Forster, Shaffer Fox and Karen Stadler

Guests Present: Mitchell Speers, Castle Docent

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Chairman Erfourth.

Motion by Weckwert to approve the agenda, supported by Newman and carried.

There were no citizen comments.

Wilson arrived.

Members visited the exterior of the Castle to view the condition of the shrubbery. Motion by Newman to request the city remove the large shrubs on the river side of the building and the spirea on the west side of the building, and to find someone to trim up the newer plantings. Support was given by Heimnick and motion approved.

Members discussed the condition of the wood windows and a proposal from J&C House Painting and General Repair to scrape, wire brush, prime and paint 48 windows on the Castle for \$2,325. An additional bid will be supplied by Hi Quality Glass to reglaze the windows. Members were concerned about only one coat of primer and paint versus two coats on the original bid. Also comments were made that the wood frames would best be sanded rather than wire-brushed. Motion by Newman to have J&C fully complete one frame with two coats of paint after sanding, allowing up to \$50 for glazing and \$200 for painting for the window. Erfourth will be allowed to make a decision to proceed with up to \$3,500 allowed for the total project. Wilson provided a second and motion carried.

Castle Docent Speers was given an opportunity to discuss his role and make comments regarding events that would increase attendance and interest in the Castle. He also commented on an entity from British Columbia seeking information about Curwood. Member Wilson presented a list of duties a projects manager might be assigned as a jobs description. Members as well as Speers were encouraged to evaluate the items and ideas to discuss them further.

An updated bid for lexon at the Comstock Cabin was not available for discussion.

Weckwert suggested the walking tour brochure item be held until next spring as the tourist season was nearing a close.

Members were provided a proposal from Cusack Masonry to repair the crack in the exterior plaster of the front turret for \$1,200. An add-on proposal to clean the entire exterior was given for a project total of \$2500. Motion to accept Cusack's bid for the patch repair in the amount of \$1,200 was made by Weckwert. Support was given by Wilson and motion approved.

Don Crawford will be asked by Erfourth if the DPW would be able to place the heating cable in the Castle gutters.

Motion to adjourn made by Newman at 8:00 p.m. Second by Weckwert.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ronald J. Tobey  
Secretary/Treasurer