

OWOSSO HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Regular meeting
Monday February 8, 2016
Curwood Castle

- CALL TO ORDER:** CHAIR ELAINE GREENWAY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.
- PRESENT:** CHAIR ELAINE GREENWAY, VICE-CHAIR JENNIFER MAHONEY, COMMISSIONER ROBERT BROCKWAY, COMMISSIONER CHRIS EVELETH, COMMISSIONER TRACEY PELTIER, COMMISSIONER JENELLE STEELE-ELKINS, COMMISSIONER DENNIS MAHONEY, COMMISSIONER NICK PIDEK, HISTORICAL FACILITIES DIRECTOR ROBERT DORAN.
- ABSENT:** NONE
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** COMMISSIONER JENNIFER MANONEY REQUESTED THAT WE ADD OCTOBER, 2016 GHOST TOURS TO NEW BUSINESS. COMMISSIONER CHRIS EVELETH MADE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERT BROCKWAY. AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.
- TREASURERS REPORT:** COMMISSIONER CHRIS EVELETH MADE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE TREASURES REPORT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERT BROCKWAY. AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** COMMISSIONER CHRIS EVELETH MADE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FEBRUARY 8, 2016 MINUTES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DENNIS MAHONEY. AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.
- CITIZENS COMMENTS:** NONE
- COMMUNICATIONS:** NONE
- DIRECTORS REPORT:** DIRECTOR ROBERT DORAN DEFERRED DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO OLD AND NEW BUSINESS.
- OLD BUSINESS:**
- VOLUNTEERS DATABASE:** Director Doran again stressed the importance of a volunteer program and database.
- CASTLE CONCERT SERIES:** Commissioner Pidek informed the Commission that all is ready for the first concert. The performers will need access to the Castle the Friday before the concert for a sound check. Director Doran will let them in. Director Doran will also set up the chairs on Saturday. Pidek explained that tickets for all four of the concerts are now available on an Eventbrite page that he created. The

URL is www.historicowosso.eventbrite.com. Posters have been printed and Commission members are distributing. The concert dates are:
Feb 27: Coolin - Celtic Music; March 26: B Side Jeff Deason;
April 30: Mandy & Nick; May 21: Evening of Baroque Music – Harpsichord, Lute & Recorder

MADE ON OWOSSO EXHIBITION: Director Robert Doran and Piper Brewer, Executive Director of the Shiawassee Arts Center, gave an informative, 20 minute presentation on “Made in Owosso,” the joint exhibition between the OHC and SAC, which will run from June 24 through September 18. Curwood Castle, the Comstock Pioneer Cabin, the Woodard Paymaster Building and the Arts Center will all be included as part of the exhibition. We also be partnering with the Shiawassee Historical Society, DeVries Nature Conservancy, the Steam Railroading Institute, the Downtown Owosso Farmers Market and Owosso Main Street. The presentation explained in detail the depth and breadth of the exhibition, which will tell the story of 150-plus years of retail and manufacturing history of Owosso. Many other special events will also be held as part of the exhibition, including the grand unveiling of the Houghton Lake Curwood Cabin during the Moonlight Market, A Fall Harvest Celebration, Owosso Historic Home Tour, and O+, an initiative which will guide and mentor young, up and coming entrepreneurs in order to continue the legacy of Made in Owosso.

HISTORICAL ARCHITECT / ENGINEER FOR THE GOULD HOUSE: Director Doran updated the Commission on the continued search for a plan to renovate and restore the Gould House. Doran is still in the process of interviewing architects. The first round of bids all came in very high. Doran is working with City Manager Don Crawford and Assistant City Manager Susan Montenegro to refine the bidding process.

CURWOOD CABIN: UPDATE: All is moving forward with moving the Houghton Lake Curwood Cabin from behind Ivan Conger’s house to Curwood Castle Park. Director Doran indicated that at the next OHC meeting, all the components of the project will be in place.

NAME THE MOOSE: UPDATE: Commissioner Jenelle Steele-Elkins gave an update on the Name the Moose project. The name chosen by her students and other students at two Owosso elementary schools was “Yukon.” Commissioner Steele-Elkins and Commissioner Jennifer Mahoney will continue to work with the schools, using this project as a springboard for other initiatives and partnerships. A coloring book designed by students is a possible next step.

NEW BUSINESS:

HAUNTED TOUR: Commissioner Jennifer Mahoney requested that the Commission consider sponsoring a Haunted Ghost Tour, starting at the Gould House and winding its way along other historic places in Owosso, ending up at Castle Park. J. Mahoney proposed October 22 and 29 as

possible dates for the event. Without making a motion, the Commission agreed to the concept and dates. J. Mahoney agreed to chair the event, with the assistance Commissioner Jenelle Stelle-Elkins.

NON PROFIT GROUP SUSTAINIBILITY AND CAPACITY BUILDING: Tom Williams, from the Non Profit Group, let the group in a facilitated dialog as we continue to explore options for the Commission’s future structure and its continued partnership with the City of Owosso and the community at large.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

NONE

ADJOURN:

COMMISSIONER CHRIS EVELETH MADE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:20 P.M., SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER TRACEY PELTIER. AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED