



OWOSSO HISTORICAL COMMISSION
THE CURWOOD COLLECTION

Regular Meeting of the Owosso Historical Commission

Minutes of March 14, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER: Dave Acton – Chair

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Dave Acton, Commissioner Gary Wilson, Commissioner Deb Adams, Vice Chair Mark Erickson.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Sue Osika.

OTHERS PRESENT: Nathan Henne, Owosso City Manager, Denice Grace, Curwood Castle.

CHAIR ACTON CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:02 P.M.

APPROVE MINUTES – January 10, 2022

Motion by Commissioner Wilson to approve minutes as presented.

Supported by Commissioner Adams.

Passed by voice vote.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Erickson to approve agenda as presented.

Supported by Commissioner Wilson.

Passed by voice vote.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget Review

Henne detailed the budget. This only shows expenses, not revenue as the City is going through a state mandated change to the Chart of Accounts. It was suggested to eliminate the Utilities section (\$4,100). The only significant change is under the Building maintenance as there are some stucco issues at the Castle, going from \$2,000 to \$10,000. Gould House exterior woodwork needs to be painted.

2. Renting Storage Space for Gould House Items.

Commissioner Wilson met with Episcopal Church and viewed the space. \$100 per month for 1,000 square feet. It is secure with the addition of locks, climate controlled and accessible. Logistics will need to be worked out. The move is project for April 2022.

- a. Erickson made a motion to accept offer from church to rent both spaces for \$100 per month from the Episcopal Church pending the church board's approval.
- b. Support by Adams.
- c. Passed by Voice vote.

3. Shiawassee Arts Center Use of Gould House for Art Display in 2022.

Piper Brewer & Jennifer Ross from the Shiawassee Arts Center (SAC) noted this year is the 50th anniversary of the Arts Center. They have 41 artists who would like to participate in a pop-up event they are planning. Handicap Accessibility and hanging work on plaster walls are two drawbacks to this location choice. May 7, 2022-August 14, 2022 would be the dates for the show and a week would be requested for setup. This would be a rental consideration. The space needs to be cleared out, professionally cleaned and some repair work completed before it is rented. SAC will carry insurance for their event.

Commissioner Wilson will be the contact as the project moves forward to ready the Gould House.

Approved adding 'the' and '.' at 4/11/22 meeting.

- a. Erickson made a motion to offer the Shiawassee Arts Center the rental of the Gould House for \$200 per month. This does not indicate a permanent precedent in terms of rental space rates.
- b. Support by Wilson.
- c. Yes-Commissioners Wilson, Erickson, Acton.
- d. Opposed-Adams. Feels the rental fee suggested was high.
- e. Absent-Osika.
- f. Motion passes 3-1.

FINANCIAL REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

Henne detailed financial status. Building maintenance costs are higher with Gould House and Castle repairs.

Castle Financial Report-D. Grace-Closed for the season.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

STAFF REPORT AND PROJECT UPDATES

Denice Grace inquired about Curwood Festival Admission price to the Castle remaining at \$1.00.

ADJOURNMENT

Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting. Adams supported. Voice vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 P.M.