



OWOSSO HISTORICAL COMMISSION
THE CURWOOD COLLECTION

Regular Meeting of the Owosso Historical Commission

Minutes of February 25, 2025 – 5:00 P.M. at Owosso City Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Lance Little, Vice Chair Debra Adams, Commissioners Elaine Greenway, Robert Hooper, Bill Moull, and Steve Teich.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Christopher Owens.

CHAIRMAN LITTLE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:00 P.M.

APPROVE MINUTES – February 11, 2025

Motion by Commissioner Greenway to approve the minutes as presented, supported by Commissioner Hooper.
Approved by voice vote

APPROVE AGENDA – February 25, 2025

Motion by Commissioner Moull to approve the agenda, supported by Commissioner Hooper.
Approved by voice vote

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Shiawassee Community Foundation Fund: SCF Director, Kim Renwick reviewed the agency endowment fund the OHC has with the Community Foundation and answered questions regarding options for future investments into the fund.

Home Tour: Elaine Greenway, Chair of the Home Tour Committee, shared plans for the 2026 Home Tour. She asked for the Commission's assistance in finding homes and discussed marketing, possibly attending the Marshall, MI home tour, and potential partnerships.

Castle Opening: The Castle will reopen on April 1, 2025.

Air Conditioning: Amy Fuller shared quotes for potentially adding a mini split unit to the Castle. The building becomes very hot in the summer and is uncomfortable for the docents and visitors. There are days when it is so hot staff decide to close. The Commission discussed the aesthetics of adding a mini-split unit, the location of the unit, and preferred vendors. Amy Fuller will schedule meetings with vendors and Commissioners at the Castle to review options.

Financial Report and Budgeting: Amy Fuller presented a financial report with the current year's budget, year-to-date expenditures, and a suggested 2025-2026 budget. There was discussion and requested edits to the suggested 2025-2026 budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Amy Fuller shared that Owosso Pride had asked for special admission pricing for Curwood Castle during the 2025 Pride Festival. There was a discussion on admission costs during other events in the park. *Motion by Commissioner Moull to set admission pricing for events and festivals in the park at \$2/adult and \$1/child for the 2025 calendar year. Supported by Commissioner Hooper. Approved by voice vote.*

COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Commissioner Teich stated that he would like admission to the Castle free for all city of Owosso residents. There was discussion on the merits of charging admission vs. asking for donations. *Motion by Commissioner Teich to have admission to the Castle by donation only for the month of April. Supported by Commissioner Adams. Approved by voice vote.*

NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 10, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Little adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Amy Fuller, Assistant City Manager