



OWOSSO HISTORICAL COMMISSION
THE CURWOOD COLLECTION

Regular Meeting of the Owosso Historical Commission

Minutes of April 10, 2023 – 6:00 P.M. at Owosso City Hall

PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Mark Erickson

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Elaine Greenway, Susan Osika, Lance Little, Robert Hooper, Bill Moull, and Vice Chair Deb Adams.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Amy Fuller, Denice Grace, and Jayne Brown

CHAIR ERICKSON CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00 P.M.

APPROVE MINUTES – March 13, 2023

Motion by Commissioner Greenway to approve minutes as presented, supported by Commissioner Hooper.

Passed by voice vote.

APPROVE AGENDA – April 10, 2023

Motion by Commissioner Little to approve agenda as presented, supported by Commissioner Osika.

Passed by voice vote.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Castle 100th Anniversary: The Commission is planning an Ice Cream Social at the Gould House in September. Commissioner Osika requested a budget for the event. There was discussion about a tent, tables and chairs. Commissioner Greenway is considering hosting a wine and cheese fundraiser at her home in July. There was discussion on opening the Paymaster and Comstock Cabins for the event.

Castle Repairs: Amy Fuller shared contractor quotes to repair the exterior chimney on the Castle. Motion by Adams to hire Concrete Works.

- a. Supported by Commissioner Moull.
- b. Passed by voice vote.

Gould House Planting: The Commission has been awarded a \$3,743 MACC grant for the Gould House gardens. The planting plan and list of plants was discussed. The Commission will be looking for volunteers to help on May 11 and May 12. Motion by Little to purchase the plants on the plan.

- a. Supported by Commissioner Hooper.
- b. Passed by voice vote.

Gould House Porch: There was discussion on repairing the east-facing porch and adding handrails. Motion by Hooper to authorize staff to seek additional quotes and spend up to \$2,215 for the purchase of handrails.

- a. Supported by Commissioner Osika.
- b. Passed by voice vote.

Curwood Festival Castle Admittance: The Commission discussed offering a lower cost of admission for Curwood Castle during the Curwood Festival and the Moonlight Market. Motion by Osika to charge \$2 for adults and \$1 for children during these events.

- a. Supported by Commissioner Hooper.
- b. Passed by voice vote.

Castle School and Daycare Admittance: The Commission decided to continue to allow schools and daycares to tour the Castle at no charge.

Indoor Weddings: The Commission discussed creating a policy for small indoor weddings. Current rental rates for the Castle exist, it is \$250/hr. plus \$50 each additional hour.

FINANCIAL REVIEW AND DISCUSSION:

Amy Fuller provided a summary of the Revenue and Expense Report as well as the cash balance. Amy also provided an update on the city's budget process. Denice Grace shared the March Castle financial reports.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Greenway asked if everyone was alright with her adopting the Paymaster garden this spring.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hooper moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Little supported. The voice vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:
Amy Fuller, Assistant City Manager