



OWOSSO HISTORICAL COMMISSION
THE CURWOOD COLLECTION

Regular Meeting of the Owosso Historical Commission

Minutes of June 12, 2023 – 6:00 P.M. at Owosso City Hall

PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Mark Erickson

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioners Susan Osika and Lance Little.

OTHERS PRESENT: Amy Fuller, Assistant City Manager, Denice Grace, Castle Docent, Robert Teich, Mayor, and Matthew Bartow, Argus Press

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

APPROVE MINUTES – May 8, 2023

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

Passed by voice vote.

APPROVE AGENDA – June 12, 2023

Motion by Commissioner Hooper to approve agenda as presented, supported by Commissioner Moull.

Passed by voice vote.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Gould House Updates: Chairman Erickson shared information about the Gould House visit with architect, Daniel Bollman. Mr. Bollman volunteered to consult with the Commission regarding ADA improvements to the house. When asked to provide a rough estimate on widening doorways, adding a ramp, adding a bathroom and fixing the front porch, Mr. Bollman estimated it would cost at least \$150,000, depending on the final plans. Chairman Erickson stated that he was sharing this report to bring the commission up to speed and to have a discussion on the future use of the house. The Commission engaged in discussion on past, current and future Gould House expenses and future uses or sources of revenue for the house, including possibly selling it.

Castle Chimney Expense: Amy Fuller shared information on having Keyes Quality Construction repair the chimney at the Castle. Motion by Hooper to approve hiring Keyes Quality Construction in the amount of \$6,710.00

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

Castle 100th Anniversary: Commissioner Adams shared updates on the 100th anniversary celebrations. There was discussion on adding banners to the light posts on Curwood Castle Drive.

Home Tour 2024: Commissioner Hooper reported that the Committee had met twice. He said that Commissioner Little had created a spreadsheet of previous homes that had participated and that the Committee had made plans to communicate the date to the public.

FINANCIAL REVIEW AND DISCUSSION:

Amy Fuller provided a summary of the Revenue and Expense Report as well as the cash balance. Denice Grace shared the May Castle financial reports.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chairman Erickson shared that it had been fun to meet some of the Curwood family members who were in town for the festival. Commissioner Hooper said it had been fun to hear some of the history of the Castle while volunteering there during the festival and Commissioner Moull said he was surprised how many people visiting the Castle during the festival didn't realize it was the 100th anniversary.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hooper moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Adams supported. The voice vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:
Amy Fuller, Assistant City Manager