



West Chester Historical Commission Meeting

401 East Gay Street, West Chester, PA 19380

Room 232 – Borough Hall

February 16, 2023 – 7 PM

Meeting Agenda – In person meeting (WILL BE RECORDED)

- A. Call meeting to order –
- B. Election of Officers -
- C. Introduction of guest(s) -
- D. Public comments on items not on the agenda -
- E. Approval of minutes for January 19, 2023 -
- F. Chair report –
 - 1. Borough of West Chester 225th Anniversary in 2024 & 250th Anniversary of the USA in 2026. It remains to be determined if the Borough will allow the citizens of West Chester to form a quasi-public organization to celebrate the Borough's and the Nation's Birthdays, Will contact participants of 200th Anniversary. -
 - 2. Jane Dorchester project update – awaiting update.
 - 3. Mural location for 2024, 2025, 2026 & 2027 events update– Email sent to owner .Received phone and email approval (Note: Email may have gone to spam. Will need to double check.)
 - 4. Lafayette 200 Committee update – Nothing to report locally.
 - 5. West Goshen/West Chester Original Memorial Day Celebration update – Tuesday, May 30, 2023, at 6 pm in Oaklands cemetery – Will meet with the West Goshen Township Historical Commission at their February 23 meeting.
 - 6. 29th Town Tours and Village Walks 2023 – Kick-Off in West Chester on Thursday, June 8th in the Southeast Quadrant beginning at the West Chester United Methodist Church (TBD) - County theme: *Agricultural Heritage of Chester County - West Chester Theme: From Colonial Farms to Residential Neighborhoods with Agri-Businesses*. We will need tour guides and registration workers. Finalizing items with UMC of West Chester
 - 7. Commission's Yearly report has not been worked on by Chair.
 - 8. Thatcher's Pharmacy/ Harrison Theater Building has been demolished as part of a hotel project. Was originally the site of the Eagle Tavern/Hotel.

9. Photo of Thomas U. Walter Methodist Church – Will pass around.
10. Juneteenth 2023 – Sent email and items to Karen Simmons President/CEO CCCF
11. Reviewed meeting procedures with Council President Michael Stefano
12. CCPN Workshop – I will Saturday, March 18 from 8:15 am to 12:30 pm in the County office building on Westtown Road
13. Chester County Day request – read letter
14. Request from Steve Nieman, Chester County Department of Facilities – Seeking support of the County’s request for support for its Keystone Historic Preservation Grant for the Restoration of the cast iron in front of the Thomas U. Walter Courthouse on N. High Street. – See New Business later in the meeting.

G. Vice-Chair Sandra Ram

1. Social Media – update
2. Interns – Recommend we develop a work program for Fall 2023.

H. Committee/task reports and updates:

1. Heritage Trees: Kora Stahl - Rothrock Memorial Project in Marshall Square -April 2023
2. Archaeology – Kora Stahl – no update this time.
3. Humphry Marshall Project Report - TBD
4. Wiki Project - Eric Lorgus – update
5. Horace Pippin 135th Birthday Celebration (born February 22,1888 – died July 6. 1946) – Catherine Quillman & Kora Stahl
6. Update on Daily Local News records – Eric Lorgus - A future project.

I. Other member’s reports or comments – Nothing submitted by the agenda deadline.

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J. Old business:

1. Women’s History Month – Try for next year.
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K. New Business –

1. Request from Steve Nieman, Chester County Department of Facilities – Keystone Historic Preservation Grant - preservation of columns on Thomas U. Walter Courthouse - see draft
2. -

L. Announcements and adjournment –

BOROUGH COUNCIL: Smart Growth Committee agenda deadline Wednesday, March 1 and Smart Growth Committee meets Wednesday, March 8 - Council Work Session is Tuesday, March 14 at 6:30 pm and the Council Voting Session is Wednesday, March 15 at 6:30 pm.

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY: March 16, 2023, at 7 pm - AGENDA DEADLINE: SATURDAY, March 11, 2023.