



West Chester Historical Commission Meeting

401 East Gay Street, West Chester, PA 19380

Room 232 – Borough Hall

March 16, 2023 – 7 PM

Meeting Agenda – In person meeting (WILL BE RECORDED)

- A. Call meeting to order –
- B. Introduction of guest(s) –
- C. Public comments on items not on the agenda –.
- D. Approval of minutes for January 19, 2023 & February 16, 2023
- E. 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 –
 3. Mural location for 2024, 2025, 2026 & 2027 events update– Email sent to owner. Received phone and email approval for the Beermill. -
 4. Lafayette 200 Committee update – Nothing to report locally. Chair will meet with coordinator at the History Center on February 24, TiJa volunteered to attend however, the Chair indicated that additional people and input is presently not needed until the principles (The History Center and Borough Historical Commission) have a better idea what can be done. (NOTE: In 2022 all Commission members were given the Futhey & Cope 1883 materials that are being used as the basis of this project.) I will be working with Jen Green of the C. C. History Center.
 5. West Goshen/West Chester Original Memorial Day Celebration update – Tuesday, May 30, 2023, at 6 pm in Oaklands cemetery – I did not have attend West Goshen's Meeting and they have approved the joint project with the W. C. Historical Commission
 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. Finalized items with UMC of West Chester

7. Commission's Yearly report has not been worked on by Chair. – Aim for 2023 Yearly Report or Review. Will delete until November.
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. Eric Lorgus has made contact with the construction company as to potential artifacts.
9. Juneteenth 2023 – Sent email and items to Karen Simmons President/CEO CCCF. (Note: The Charles A. Melton Center and the West Chester Chapter of the NAACP are developing projects/events.)
10. CCPN Workshop – I will attend Saturday, March 18 from 8:15 am to 12:30 pm in the County office building on Westtown Road.

F. Vice-Chair Sandra Ram

1. Social Media – update – Catherine will place items on Instagram for Horace Pippin's Birthday.
2. Interns – Recommend we develop a work program for Fall 2023. - TBD

H. Committee/task reports and updates:

1. Heritage Trees: Kora Stahl - Rothrock Memorial Project in Marshall Square -April 2023
2. Archaeology – Kora Stahl/Eric Lorgus/Tom Walsh
3. Humphry Marshall Project Report - TBD
4. Wiki Project - Eric Lorgus –
5. Horace Pippin 135th Birthday Celebration (born February 22,1888 – died July 6. 1946) – Catherine Quillman & Kora Stahl were presented Citation from Mayor Lillian DeBaptiste declaring 2023 as the Year of Horace Pippin (see attached copy). –
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:

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K. New Business –

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L. Announcements and adjournment –

BOROUGH COUNCIL: Smart Growth Committee agenda deadline Wednesday, April 5 and Smart Growth Committee meets Wednesday, April 12 - Council Work Session is Tuesday, April 18 at 6:30 pm and the Council Voting Session is Wednesday, April 19 at 6:30 pm.

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY: April 20, 2023, at 7 pm - AGENDA DEADLINE: SATURDAY, April 15, 2023.