



West Chester Historical Commission Meeting

401 East Gay Street, West Chester, PA 19380

Room 232 – Borough Hall

April 21, 2022 – 7 PM

Meeting Agenda – In person meeting

A. Call meeting to order -

B. Introduction of guest(s) -

C. Public comments on items not on the agenda -

D. Approval of minutes for March 17, 2022 -

E. Chair report –

1. 339 West Gay Street – no update for demolition permit to be granted by the Borough.

2. Borough of West Chester 225th Anniversary in 2024 & 225th Anniversary of the USA in 2026. Borough Council will need to establish a community-based committee for both events. It is hoped that the same committee, with modifications, will plan both events. As per request of Council Member Brian McGinnis, I will forward information to him. Have heard nothing back from Council.

3. 2022 Chester County Town Tours – Will kick-off in West Chester on Thursday, June 9th and involves HARB and the Historical Commission. West Chester's theme will focus on Humphry Marshall's 300th Birthday and will cover northeast quadrant of borough. Tour Guides and inside helpers will be needed. Tour guide has been sent out.

4, Received from Chester County Commissioners information on this year's Juneteenth celebration. Communities are busy planning their events. In the Borough the Melton Center and the West Chester NAACP are having separate events at the Melton Center.

5. Bruce Mowday will chair the 200th Anniversary Celebration Committee commemorating Lafayette's visit to Delaware and Chester Counties in 1825. Presently the focus will include Delaware County, the Chadds Ford area, and the West Chester area. He has added me to the committee that will plan for the 2025 celebration. No new updates.

6. Projects on hold will be removed from the May and future agendas. The Chair and/or Commission Members may bring said items back to the agenda for updates, discussion and action as needed.

a. Still trying to arrange for the return of all items to Ann Morgan Oas. Ann has contacted me and has donated assorted newspapers, books, and items to me to review and dispersal to the Borough/C C History Center. **(Chair Walsh will develop an acceptance letter. TBD)**

b. Gay Street School Project – **(Chair Walsh will reach out to Fugett family. TBD)**

c. Virtual meeting held with Cory Kergarise, West Chester Planning Commission and HARB on Tuesday, February 23, 2021. Topic: *Zoning & Preservation*. Received items from Catherine Quillman and Chris Lang. Purpose: **Possible changes to Planning Ordinance (Chair Walsh to contact the Planning Commission and HARB.TBD)**

d. CCHPN Leadership Luncheon held on Saturday, April 10, 2021 – We still need to obtain the demolition ordinances from East Brandywine and Schuylkill Townships plus obtain East Brandywine presentations and share with Commission. We have Thornbury Township’s ordinance. Purpose: **Possible changes to Planning Ordinance (Should be included as part of item c above)**

e. Chestnut Street Parking Garage/Chester County History Center’s Raymond Rettew History Project – Eric Lorgus - **(On hold until 2022 - TBD)**

f. Local History Presentations – future programs- Bayard Rustin program with Mitchell Crane and/or Florence Miller plus other possible in-person or virtual programs. **(Kora Stahl & Sandra Ram - TBD)**

g. Chester County Courthouse and Gnomon – Jonathan Hoppe & TiJa Butcher – Tom has previously contacted Becky Brain of the County Commissioners office on behalf of the project committee and have been working on other County projects. **(On hold. Note: Pedestal is still on southside of Old Courthouse lawn)**

F. Vice-Chair Sandra Ram

1. Social Media –
2. Interns –
3. C.A.L. M. at WCU on April 8, 2022, from 3 pm to 5pm, room 225, Lawrence Hall -

G. Committee/task reports and updates:

1. Heritage Trees – Kora Stahl –
2. Archaeology – Kora Stahl –
3. Humphry Marshall Project – Chris Lang –
4. Juneteeth 2022 – Everett Butcher –
5. Wiki Project - Eric Lorgus – Update on meeting with W C U intern on 3/22/22. -

H. Other member’s reports or comments

I. Old business –

J. New Business –

K. Announcements and adjournment –

**NEXT MEETING THURSDAY: May 19,2022 at 7 pm - AGENDA DEADLINE: SATURDAY,
May 14,2022.**

**BOROUGH COUNCIL: Smart Growth Committee – May10, Council Work Session – May 17 and
Council Voting Session May 18.**