



West Chester Historical Commission Meeting

401 East Gay Street, West Chester, PA 19380

Room 232 – Borough Hall

July 20, 2023 – 7 PM

Meeting Agenda – In person meeting (WILL BE RECORDED)

Present:

Absent with notice:

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A. Call meeting to order –

B. Introduction of guest(s) –

C. Public comments on items not on the agenda

D. Approval of minutes for May 18, 2023 and June 15, 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. – Council member Bernie Flynn and Tom Walsh are trying one more time to meet with 1999 Committee members regarding 2024 and 2026.
2. Mural location for 2024, 2025, 2026 & 2027 events update– Email sent to owner. Received phone and email approval for the Beermill. – I have talked to Jimmer Breen, Chair of Public Arts and met with them on June 26. We had a good discussion, and we will continue to work with Publics Arts.
3. Lafayette 200 Committee update – (NOTE: In 2022 all Commission members were given the Futhey & Cope 1881 materials that are being used as the basis of this project.) I will be working with Jen Green of the C. C. History Center. We are still trying to get into Courtroom #1 in the Thomas U. Walter Courthouse. There will be a LaFayette Day at Thornbury Farm from 11 am to 3 pm on Saturday, July 29. Everett Butcher, Chris Lang and Tom Walsh are on the LaFayette Committee. Jen Greene of the CCHC and Tom Walsh are the Borough of West Chester liaisons and Mark Slough is liaison for West Bradford Township.
4. Annual dues for CCPN and CC History Center (Includes all members of both the HARB and the Historical Commission) – Still TBD.

5. CCHPH Meeting – June 21, 2023, at Hibernia Park – 4:30 pm to 8 pm. – I attended on behalf of the Historical Commission and commented on our various events.

6. The Chester County Planning Commission has the data from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Grant that was compiled by Jane Dorchester and the County is now putting together the Borough of West Chester Historical Atlas at no cost to the Borough.

7. West Cestrians List and Board of Historical Marker List – distribute and discuss

8. Event receipts still need to be processed,

9. Oral and written thank you notes.

F. Vice-Chair Sandra Ram

1. Social Media –

2. Interns – Recommend we develop a work program for Fall 2023. - TBD

G. Committee/task reports and updates:

1. Heritage Trees: Kora Stahl -.

2. Archaeology – Kora Stahl/Eric Lorgus/Tom Walsh – A staff person at Zukin's has indicated that some bottles have been

3. Wiki Project – Eric Lorgus – To be finished this fall.

4. Horace Pippin 135th Birthday Celebration (born February 22, 1888 – died July 6, 1946) – Catherine Quillman and Kora Stahl

5. Update for Daily Local News Records – Eric Lorgus – a future project.

H. Other member's reports or comments – Nothing submitted by the agenda deadline.

I. Old business –

a. Budget proposal - review

J. New Business –

K. Announcements

L. Adjournment –

BOROUGH COUNCIL: Smart Growth Committee agenda deadline Wednesday, August 2 and Smart Growth Committee meets Wednesday, August 9 - Council Work Session is Tuesday, August 13 at 6:30 pm and the Council Voting Session is Wednesday, August 14 at 6:30 pm.

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY: August 17, 2023, at 7 pm - AGENDA DEADLINE: SATURDAY, August 12, 2023.