



## West Chester Historical Commission Meeting

401 East Gay Street, West Chester, PA 19380

Room 232 – Borough Hall

September 15, 2022 – 7 PM

### Meeting Agenda – In person meeting

**(MEETING TO 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 July 21, 2022 & there was no action taken in August because of the lack of a quorum
- E. Chair report –
  1. 339 West Gay Street – no update for demolition permit
  2. Borough of West Chester 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2024 & 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the USA in 2026. Request made to Smart Growth on August 3rd, Smart Growth made no comments and asked no questions, The 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee commemorating Lafayette’s visit to Delaware and Chester Counties in 1825 held a Zoom meeting on Friday, August 12th. Coordinator Bruce Mowday chaired the meeting. I had already contacted Malcolm Johnstone of the C C Community Foundation, Connor Hepp, President C C History Center and Mark Slouf of Friends of Martin’s Tavern. Malcolm and Jen Green of the History Center were present. The group of about 15 participants briefly discussed many potential activities. Possible events for West Chester include a parade, Banquet re-enactment at the History Center and an event at Gay and Church Streets. Have since talked to Jen Green and we hope to meet in the next few weeks. Also note that 2026 will mark our country’s 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and 2027 will honor the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of the Brandywine.
  3. Oral History Project – to be determined
  4. Jane Dorchester project update –
  5. The Robert Thompson Post Office in the Borough of West Chester is having its windows repaired. This is expected to take several months.
  6. Mural location for 2024, 2025, 2026 & 2027 events -

F. Vice-Chair Sandra Ram

1. Social Media – update
2. Interns – funding is needed – We will need to develop a plan for using our intern. Kevin Gore Indicated that it may not be able to use for social media. This will need to be verified.

G. Committee/task reports and updates:

1. Heritage Trees – Kora Stahl and Tom attended the August 3rd Tree Commission meeting
2. Archaeology – Kora Stahl – update
3. Humphry Marshall Project – Chris Lang update –
4. Wiki Project - Eric Lorgus – update
5. Porchfest 2022 – “Miggy” Min – update

H. Other member’s reports or comments

I. Old business –

1. Women’s History Month – Miggy, Catherine, Sandr R. and Kora – to be developed
- 2, Martin I. King Speech Contest – to be developed (multigroup event (WCHC. W C high schools, CC Community Foundation, WC NAACP and Melton Center) – Have contacted the three groups It was We may want to consider something with Bayard Rustin. – to be developed

J. New Business –

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K. Announcements and adjournment –

**BOROUGH COUNCIL: Smart Growth Committee agenda deadline October 5 and Smart Growth Committee meets on October 12 at 6:30 pm - Council Work Session is October 18 at 6:30 pm and the Council Voting Session is October 19 at 6:30 pm.**

**NEXT MEETING THURSDAY: October 20 ,2022 at 7 pm - AGENDA DEADLINE: SATURDAY, October 15,2022.**