

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CLEVELAND HERITAGE COMMISSION

September 12, 2023

Members present: Jordan Goins, Judy Dilworth, Jonett Valentine, Lynn Shurden, Steven Craddock, Cetin Oguz

Members not present: Judy Wilson, Corinne Casanova, Lisa Miller

Ex-Officio members present: Katie Portner McClellan, Billy Trotter, Connie McClellan

Chair Lynn Shurden called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

After review of the minutes of the July 2023 meeting, Jordan Goins made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Judy Dilworth seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor, with no opposition.

Budget Review

Heritage Commission members reviewed the monthly budget report.

Lynn Shurden introduced Caitlyn Thompson, the new Director of Mainstreet and Community Development with the Cleveland-Bolivar County Chamber of Commerce. Caitlyn spoke briefly with the commission regarding her new position with the chamber.

New Business

Chris Collins of Roy Collins Construction submitted an application on behalf of the Delta Arts Alliance for approval of the balcony renovation and the addition of an exterior fire egress staircase. The plans must still be submitted to MDAH for approval. Jordan Goins made a motion to approve the application, contingent on approval from MDAH. Jonett Valentine seconded the motion, and the vote was all in favor of the motion.

Lynn Pace submitted an application to remove the existing shingles, repair the decking, and install new architectural shingles on the building at 213 N. Pearman Avenue. Steven Craddock made a motion to approve the application, and Jonett Valentine seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor.

Old Business

None

Program

Hilda Povall presented a program on the history of the Cleveland Heritage Commission from its inception in 1998 to present. The program included highlights from the past 25 years. Mrs. Povall also shared a list of recommendations for the Cleveland Heritage Commission. May of 2024 will be National

Preservation month, and will also be the 25th anniversary of the Cleveland Heritage Commission. Mrs. Povall suggested that commission members begin planning for that special anniversary, and also volunteered to work on that project with the commission.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lynn Shurden", is written over a horizontal line.

Lynn Shurden, Chair