



Cuyahoga County Monument Commission

Minutes

March 29, 2024

8:30 AM

County Administration Building, Room 5-006

Call to Order – Meeting of Friday, March 29, 2024

Patrick Hewitt called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. Roll call showed a quorum.

Attending –

Dr. Judith G. Cetina

Patrick W. Hewitt

Joseph Nanni

Juan Quirarte

Matt Rymer

Absent –

Patti Choby

Jill Paulsen

Guests –

Pernel Jones, Jr, County Council President

Trevor McAleer, Cuyahoga County

Annette Linden, County Planning

Tarra Petras, City of Cleveland

Tom Yablonsky

Ellis Katz

David Deming, artist

Joe Gazzo

Greg Patt

Nicholas Slaughterbeck

1. Minutes – January 26, 2024 meeting minutes approved. On a motion by Juan Quirarte, seconded by Joseph Nanni, to accept the minutes as written, the vote was unanimously approved.
2. Public Comments – No Public Comments.
3. 2022\_A001: Siegel and Shuster Tribute Plaza (Superman Statue) – A presentation was given by all the participants involved in the Superman Statue project to provide an overview of the proposed monument and

plaza. The Siegel and Shuster Society, Cuyahoga County Convention Facilities Development Corporation, and the County of Cuyahoga, Ohio signed a letter of intent regarding the monument. The renderings of the plaza with associated site plan—including greenery, lighting, seating, signage, and statues—as well as materials to be used for the project, were introduced. An email with approval from DC Comics to use the Superman likeness was presented, but work is still being done to ensure visitors can take pictures without any copyright issues. Concerns were discussed regarding responsibility, funding, and a maintenance plan for the plaza. County Council President Pernel Jones, Jr. joined the meeting and expressed his excitement about this project.

Members of the Commission requested additional information regarding a maintenance plan for the monument and a formal letter of approval from DC Comics.

On a motion by Patrick Hewitt, seconded by Joseph Nanni, the application for 2022\_A001: Siegel and Shuster Tribute Plaza (Superman Statue), a roll call vote to table the application was unanimously approved.

4. Monuments Assessment & Maintenance Program: Contracting Updates – Matt Rymer reported that the contract with McKay Lodge has been provided by County Law Department and will be forwarded to McKay Lodge for review and signature approval. When the contract is returned the next step is to submit to the Board of Control for approval.
5. Appointments Update –Three appointments have expired, and new appointments are on the Human Resources Committee agenda for Tuesday, April 3rd for Dr. Judith Cetina, Juan Quirarte, and Tom Yablonsky.
6. Good and Welfare – No good and welfare today.
7. Adjournment – With no further business to discuss, on a motion by Dr. Judith Cetina, seconded by Patrick Hewitt, the Commission unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting.