



Cuyahoga County Monument Commission

Minutes

May 3, 2024

8:30 AM

County Administration Building, Room 4-407

Call to Order – Meeting of Friday, May 3, 2024

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

Attending –

Dr. Judith G. Cetina
Patti Choby
Patrick W. Hewitt
Joseph Nanni
Juan Quirarte
Matt Rymer
Thomas Yablonsky

Absent –

Guests –

Trevor McAleer, Cuyahoga County
Annette Linden, County Planning
Tarra Petras, City of Cleveland
Ellis Katz
David Deming, artist
Joe Gazzo
Greg Patt
Nicholas Slaughterbeck

1. Minutes – March 29, 2024 meeting minutes approved. On a motion by Joseph Nanni, seconded by Matt Rymer, 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. In response to previous comments from the Commission, representatives of the Siegel and Shuster Tribute Plaza monument provided a maintenance plan, a letter of intent from DC Comics, and approval from

Cleveland City Planning Commission and Landmarks Commission. Tarra Petras of the City of Cleveland described some of the changes requested by the City's review bodies and incorporated into the proposal, and she spoke in favor of the monument. Trevor McAleer of County Council staff also spoke to the history and process of bringing this statue to the Commission. On a motion by Patti Choby, seconded by Dr. Judith Cetina, Resolution 240503-A accepting the donation of the Siegel and Shuster Tribute Plan was unanimously approved on a roll call vote.

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, signature, and approval. When the contract is returned the next step is to submit it to the Board of Control for approval.
5. Appointments Update –Three appointments have been approved by County Council for Dr. Judith Cetina, Juan Quirarte, and Thomas Yablonsky.
6. Good and Welfare – Thomas Yablonsky provided an update about the proposed Olympic Plaza and potential inclusion of the Jesse Owens statue, and Patti Choby requested a public engagement process as part of any relocation of the Jesse Owens Statue.
7. Adjournment – With no further business to discuss, on a motion by Dr. Judith Cetina, seconded by Patti Choby, the Commission unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting.