



AGENDA
CUYAHOGA COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES, APPOINTMENTS & EQUITY COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2011
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1ST FLOOR
10:00 AM

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 7, 2011**
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA**
- 5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**
 - a) None
- 6. MISCELLANEOUS**
 - a) **Soldiers & Sailors Monument Board of Trustees Applicants**
 - 1) Neil Evans
 - 2) Ivy Washington-Marshall
 - 3) William Scholle
 - 4) Jon Silvis
 - 5) Michael Sliwinski
 - 6) Phillip Vari
 - 7) Michael Winston
 - 8) Jerry Young
 - b) **Soldiers & Sailors Monument Board of Trustees Applicants – Not in attendance**
 - 1) Frank Anderson
 - 2) Berj Shakarian
 - 3) William Doyle

7. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT

8. ADJOURNMENT



MINUTES

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Conwell called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll. Committee members Conwell and Gallagher were present and a quorum was determined. Mr. Rogers entered the meeting after the roll call was taken.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 23, 2011

A motion was made by Ms. Conwell, seconded by Mr. Rogers and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2011 meeting.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA

There was no public comment.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) M2011-0039: A Motion confirming the County Executive's appointment of Lawrence Benders to serve on the Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Workforce Investment Board, and declaring the necessity that this Motion become immediately effective.

Mr. Lawrence Benders, County Executive FitzGerald's nominee to the Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Workforce Investment Board, was called upon to discuss his experience and qualifications to serve on this Board. Discussion ensued.

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Rogers, Motion No. M2011-0039 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda under second reading suspension of rules.

- b) M2011-0040: A Motion confirming the County Executive's appointment of J. B. Silvers, Ph.D. to serve on The MetroHealth System Board of Trustees, and declaring the necessity that this Motion become immediately effective.

Dr. J.B. Silvers, County Executive FitzGerald's nominee to The MetroHealth System Board of Trustees, was called upon to discuss his experience and qualifications to serve on this Board. Discussion ensued.

On a motion by Mr. Rogers with a second by Mr. Gallagher, Motion No. M2011-0040 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda under second reading suspension of rules.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS – EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Fact-finder report

Mr. Ed Morales, Assistant Law Director, addressed the Committee regarding the Fact-finder report. Mr. Morales recommended the Committee not go into Executive Session to address the report at this time.

7. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Chairwoman Conwell at 10:39 a.m., without objection.

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TO:

Councilmember Yvonne Conwell

FROM:

Berj A. Shakarian, Architect - AIA

DATE:

13 July, 2011

RE:

Application to the Cuyahoga County
Soldiers & Sailors Monument Board of Trustees\

I am in receipt of a letter from Deputy Clerk of Council, Nikima Barnhill with respect to the above referenced application. The instructions in the letter were that "If you wish to be considered for Board service, but are unable to attend the July 21 meeting, please submit a letter..." Because of a planned family vacation, I will not be in Cleveland next week. Therefore I am complying with that instruction herein.

Assuming a position on the Board of the Soldiers & Sailors Monument Commission would be a sincere privilege and distinction. Almost two years ago I retired as the Cuyahoga County Architect, after more than 30 years of service. As County Architect, I literally "grew up" with the Soldiers and Sailors Monument. Every renovation of the monument, including the very successful recent completion in 2009, was led by me. The monument is very dear to my heart and I would be very interested in making certain that it is properly maintained and duly appreciated in the coming years.

I believe that, as a member of the Board of Trustees, I can professionally assist the other Board members in assuring that the monument is lovingly preserved.

With regard to acknowledging the importance of both the fiduciary responsibilities and the public nature of the service, I certainly can respect those obligations - especially after having been compliant to them in a far greater capacity for more than 30 years. I am proud to say that I have always been regarded as totally professional by all with whom I have worked. Further, I can definitely commit to attendance at meetings of the Monument's Board.

It would be an honor - and my pleasure - to *continue* to service the Soldiers and Sailors Monument. Thank you for your kind consideration of me.

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OBJECTIVE:

To execute and deliver architectural and/or construction management services to institutional or private entities.

EDUCATION:

Case-Western Reserve University
Adelbert College – School of Architecture
Bachelor of Architecture

LICENSURE:

State of Ohio Architect - # 5301
National Council of Architectural Registration Boards - # 17352
LEED Green Associate - # 10658876
LEED AP BD+C - # 10658876

EMPLOYMENT:

2009 - present	Berj A. Shakarian - Architect, AIA
1978 - 2009	Cuyahoga County Architect, AIA
1975 - 1978	Berj A. Shakarian & Associates - Architects AIA
1969 - 1975	City of Cleveland, Design & Construction, Architect

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

American Institute of Architects (AIA)
Architectural Society of Ohio (ASO)
Construction Specifications Institute (CSI)

COMPUTER PROFICIENCY:

Software Proficiency - CAD (Computer Aided Design) all versions 2000-2010
- MS Word, Word Pro, Excel, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe PDF

STATEMENT AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

BERJ A. SHAKARIAN

Berj A. Shakarian was the County Architect in Cuyahoga County from 1978 through 2009. Prior to that, he directed his own architectural practice on the west side of Cleveland. He is a graduate of the former Case Western Reserve University School of Architecture and is licensed in both the State of Ohio and with the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, giving him license privileges in almost all 50 states.

During his tenure as County Architect, Mr. Shakarian he has executed the annual long term Capital Plan, and designed and/or administered more than \$500 million in construction projects, including both new construction and restoration projects. Annually, he executed projects in excess of \$40. million; projects which have included the State and Ohio Theater Restorations, the Restoration of the Cuyahoga County Court House, and new facilities for both the Cuyahoga County Corrections Center and the County Coroner. He is very well respected by the design and construction community because of his firm, but fair approach to resolving cost and construction dilemmas with contractors

The statutory responsibilities of the County Architect included:

- providing in-house architectural design services,
- retaining and administering out-sourced architectural, engineering and construction management and construction firms,
- providing long-range plans and programs, and
- providing the organization and priorities for the county's Capital Plan.

Widely published in both professional journals and the secular press, Mr. Shakarian is highly regarded and respected by his peers in the architectural community. He is a member of the American Institute of Architects, Ohio Society of Architects, the Cleveland Chapter of the AIA, and several national and local professional organizations. His work has earned him numerous awards in both the public and private sector. In the arena of “green architecture,” he is a recent recipient of the LEED Associate Certification and he is a candidate for the LEED AP BD+C certification.

He resides in Cleveland with his wife, Carol, and their four children.

Brochure available upon request

Berj A. Shakarian, *Cuyahoga County Architect (1978 - 2009)*

Statement: Berj A. Shakarian is the Architect for Cuyahoga County, the largest county in Ohio. In this capacity as the Owner-Architect, he redefined the value of public architecture and design. His leadership and vision are inspiring.

Achievements: Berj A. Shakarian is a Public Architect par excellence. It is his belief that public architecture and design have a vital role to play in the society to improve the human condition.

This commitment provided impetus to lead the County Government to save the 1920's vintage theater complex from demolition in downtown Cleveland. The effort led to the restoration of the State and Ohio Theaters into a national entertainment center, the Playhouse Square, larger than the Kennedy Center.

In addition, Mr. Shakarian led the restoration effort of the Cuyahoga County Court House and the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument, two significant national landmarks and recipients of various awards.

Further, under his tenure, more than \$1 billion in construction projects were realized, including both new construction and restoration projects in the context of the Capital Plan. The work entailed neighborhood centers, children' homes, correctional facilities, specialized entities, parking garages, and satellite offices. Each of these projects depicted both sensitivity to the users and context, including a responsible environmental stewardship.

As the first County Architect, Berj A. Shakarian has truly introduced the profession of architecture to Cuyahoga County. He has implemented quality-based selection for architects with the mantra "we expect the professional practice to exceed the normal criteria of care and diligence," engaging small firms in public work and organizing competitions. His vision for Total Project Integration has involved a multitude of consultants - including painters, sculptors, restoration artists, graphic designers, landscape architects, preservationists and environmentalists.

Additionally, Mr. Shakarian has instigated major changes in the county procurement system by developing a concise Project Manual for Construction Contracts, including standards of sustainability.

Never before have both the public sector and the profession of architecture been so well served by the County Architect. Readily providing assistance and advice to adjoining communities, lecturing, publishing, and organizing AIA educational events, Berj A. Shakarian is a Public Architect par excellence.

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July 18, 2011

The Honorable Yvonne Conwell
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1219 Ontario Street #424
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Dear Councilwoman Conwell:

Please accept this letter as a formal confirmation of my interest to continue serving on the Soldiers & Sailors Monument Board of Trustees.

I have served on the Board of Trustees for the Soldiers & Sailors Monument since 2006. As a U.S. Army veteran having fought in the Vietnam War, I have a deep appreciation for the mission of the Soldiers & Sailors Monument and its important role honoring those individuals who served our community in various capacities in the Civil War. The monument is truly one of Cleveland's treasures, and its continued success must be fostered through dedicated stewardship. The monument holds special meaning for our family as my wife's great-grandfather, Captain James K. O'Reilly, served with Cleveland's 8th Ohio Volunteer Infantry and fought in many battles, including the Battles of Gettysburg and Antietam. He is among those soldiers honored within the walls of the monument.

I have enjoyed my time on the Board, and would like to continue to assist in overseeing the monument's management and the execution of its mission. I am committed to attending the meetings of the Board of Trustees, and recognize the importance of the public nature of service on the Board and, therefore, the obligation to comply with the Ohio Public Records and Open Meetings Laws and the Cuyahoga County Public Records Ordinance. As a re-appointed Board member, I would also continue to accept the fiduciary responsibilities of Board service, including appropriate oversight and accounting of public funds dedicated to the monument.

I am unable to appear before the County Council Human Resource, Appointments, and Equity Committee on Thursday, July 21, 2011 as I am scheduled to serve in my role as Prosecutor for the City of Independence during that time. I hope that the Committee will accept this letter as a substitute for my appearance, and I would respectfully ask that the Committee give my re-appointment request its full consideration.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



William T. Doyle