

Orange Hall Management Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2023
St. Marys City Hall

- Meeting called to order at 9:32AM by Robin Cross
- Roll Call(quorum present)
Present: Robin Cross, Niles Trapnell, Vernal Morrison, Kelly Bennett, Allen Rassi
Guests: City Manager Robby Horton, Director of Public Works Bobby Marr(arrived late), Judy Molnar from the St. Marys Garden Club
- Approval of the minutes of the June 8th, 2023 meeting. Motion by Robin Cross, second by Vernal Morrison. Motion passed unanimously.

Continuing Priorities August through Spring of 2024

- **Cookhouse Construction Status:** Apparently, there was an issue with the first pour of the Cookhouse slab. It has been corrected, and reframed to proper specifications. Doug Mauer is Coastal Construction Project Manager, and projected completion date is February of 2024. Robby mentioned the issue of obtaining concrete, which has been causing projects to run behind, such as the reconstruction of sidewalks along Alexander Street. Special Note: After the meeting, a concrete truck was observed at Orange Hall, repouring of the slab was taking place.
- **Hippo Inventory Status:** Surplus items not being utilized in Orange Hall will be disposed of through silent auction/sealed bid. Jen Fabrick wrote a recent letter to the Tribune & Georgian outlining the process.
- **Phase 1 Plan for Ground Floor:** The Committee visited Orange Hall on June 14th, and came up with a list of items that needed to be addressed prior to opening the ground floor for public use. These items are listed under a separate document(June14th), and were passed on to City Hall.
- **Ground Floor of Orange Hall:** The ground floor is tentatively scheduled to be open to the public in late Spring of 2024.
- **General Discussion:** Kelly presented the initial rendering of the new Orange Hall brochure. There was much discussion regarding the brochure, and the possibility of having a booth at the Seafood Festival set for October 7th, 2023. It was agreed that a separate meeting is necessary to finalize the brochure, and discuss the booth needs at the Festival. The meeting was set for 10AM on August 24th, 2023 at the St. Marys Welcome Center. The business card handout was addressed, and will be brought up at

the August 24th meeting. Kelly is still working to set up a meeting with Candace Pullum of Main Street St. Marys. This is in regards to possibly obtaining a grant for the planters to be located at the front and rear of Orange Hall.

- **St. Marys Garden Club:** Judy Molnar of the St. Marys Garden Club presented their needs for the new plantings scheduled for the front of Orange Hall. She passed out amendment needs, size of the beds, etc. The St. Marys Garden Club is covering the costs of these plants, and they want to be sure the soil is prepared properly. She also talked with Robby about removing the oleanders along the left side of the property.
- **Robby Horton's Observations:** Robby brought up several items during general discussion:
 1. He feels the Committee is moving in the right direction.
 2. Wants to have more of a community ownership of Orange Hall. Purchase of bricks discussed.
 3. There is a need to make Orange Hall a more vocal point of Osborne Street.
- **Committee Vacancies:** Allen brought up the need to filling the vacancies of the Committee. The name of Alise Pate of the Salvation Army came up in discussion, and Allen said he would follow through on talking with her. Allen also passed on the number of Keaton, GM of Lowes, who may possibly be able to help with donations for a new fence and other work at Orange Hall. The number is 904-583-0788.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30AM.

The next meetings for the Committee are as follows: Brochure and Festival meeting-August 24th, 2023 at St. Marys Welcome Center, starting at 10:00AM. The next full meeting of the Committee is set for September 14th, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted

Niles Trapnell
Secretary OHMC