

Orange Hall Management Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
May 11, 2023  
St. Marys City Hall

- Meeting called to order at 9:30AM by Robin Cross
- Roll Call(Quorum present)  
Present: Robin Cross, Niles Trapnell, Vernal Morrison, Kelly Bennett  
Absent: Debbie Ellzey

Guests: City Manager Robert Horton, Main Street Manager Candace Pullum, Judy Molnar from St. Marys Garden Club, Citizen Jen Fabrick

- Approval of the minutes of the April 13, 2023 meeting. Motion by Kelly Bennet, second by Niles Trapnell. Motion passed unanimously.

**Continuing Priorities: May through December, 2023:**

- 1.) New Orange Hall brochure for public events: Brochure is on hand, and was passed out at the St. Marys Garden Club Plant Sale on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Article in regards to Orange Hall happenings has already been posted, and the same article will be published in the May 18<sup>th</sup> edition of the Tribune & Georgian. There was discussion of a post card size brochure to be used at events and businesses. Card should have a QR code showing where to send donations, also QR code giving a brief history of Orange Hall. Kelly to get with Candace Pullum to devise a plan.
- 2.) Status of MEP/AC: Work is on schedule/no change per Robby Horton.
- 3.) Hippo Orange Hall Inventory: A visit to Hippo will take place on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 to make the first observations of the inventory. It is understood that making visual observations, and deciding on disbursement of the items will take several months. Bobby presented Robin a copy of the city guidelines regarding the disbursement of any of the Orange Hall inventory. In addition, a visit by the OHMC will be made to Orange Hall on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:30PM. Vernal Morrison presented a guideline on what we expect to accomplish with the inventory, and questions regarding what needs to be done regarding the dispensation of the items.
- 4.) Garden Club plan for large pots at front and rear entrances: Still in limbo as Public Works has not verified whether they have pots on hand, or can purchase them if they are not on hand. At this time Candace brought up the possibility of a grant of up to \$1500 from the DDA(Downtown Development Authority). This could possibility be used

to fund said pots and plants. Candace is going to check into the possibility. Niles presented Candace with the plan by the Garden Club showing sizes, plants, etc.

- 5.) Recent email from Tom Canning regarding Orange Hall plans: Currently being reviewed, plus the fact that Orange Hall Committee Meeting Minutes are not being published to the City's website. This has been rectified through Deborah Walker-Reed, City Clerk. She currently has all copies of the minutes since December, 2021, when Niles took over as Secretary. She will receive copies of the minutes from this day forward as they are approved by the Committee.
- 6.) Phase 1 Plan for ground floor: Jen has made some preliminary plans for use of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors, which we have on hand. A physical examination of the 1<sup>st</sup> floor will be made on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

**Updated Schedule for Cookhouse:** The construction timeline still stands at 180 days once work starts on the Cookhouse. There are several items that the contractor still has to meet prior to starting construction. Jen mentioned that the Cookhouse plan has some deficiencies such as thresholds and electrical. Jen has made plan for changes to the current design.

**Audience to the Public 1:** Candace brought up the idea that pre fund raiser event regarding short wants for Orange Hall. The Committee needs to follow through with this idea from Candace as she has the expertise to address these items.

**Audience to the Public 2:** Judy Molnar from the St. Marys Garden Club stated the Club wants to hold an Azalea pruning class at Orange Hall on June 10<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9AM. Judy Kelly will be the host. Committee approved, and will advertise as much as possible.

**Taste of Camden on the Orange Hall grounds was a huge success. Approximately 1,200 people in attendance.**

**Next scheduled meeting is June 1<sup>st</sup> at 10AM at Hippo Storage. Lunch afterwards, then a visit to Orange Hall at 1:30PM.**

**The next scheduled Committee Meeting is June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at St. Marys City Hall.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:35AM.**

*Niles Trapnell*

Respectfully submitted by Niles Trapnell, Secretary

