

Orange Hall Management Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2023
St. Marys City Hall

- Meeting called to order at 9:30AM by Robin Cross

- Roll Call(quorum present)
Present: Robin Cross, Debbie Ellzey, Kelly Bennett, Vernal Morrison, Niles Trapnell
Absent: Allen Rassi

- Guests: Bobby Marr, Director of Public Works, Judy Molnar of St. Marys Garden Club,
Citizen Jen Fabrick

- Approval of the minutes of May 11th, 2023 meeting. Motion by Niles Trapnell, second by Vernal Morrison. Unanimous approval of the 5/11/23 minutes.

Continuing Priorities: June through December, 2023

- I.) **Status of Bidder Coastal Construction(bonds):** Bonds are in, utilities need to be marked. Doug Maurer will be the Project Manager for Coastal Construction.

- II.) **New Orange Hall brochures for public events/status:** Kelly has been working with Candace Pullum in regards to the brochures, and a postcard size handout for businesses. Candace recently lost her assistant, and is pretty overwhelmed with her work load. Also, exploring business card for use by members of the Committee. All items may possibly have a QR code for Facebook and other items.

- III.) **Hippo inventory visit results and future strategy:** It was discussed how well the inventory was packed and stored away, and the general good shape of all items. The stainless steel tables need to be measured to see if they can be utilized in the Cookhouse. Niles will coordinate visit to Hippo with Dean at Public Works. Bobby also stated that he fielded a number of calls, etc., due to the fact that presentation at City Council meeting mentioned donating items not used at Orange Hall to Habitat. Niles stated that he also fielded several calls from citizens regarding this statement. Bobby stated that any items not used would be disposed of through a City Surplus auction via sealed bid. There will be no donations of Orange Hall inventory. Jen Fabrick is going to write a letter to the Tribune & Georgian explaining how the current items were inventoried, and the efforts made to contact known owners. She was a part of the original team that handled the item inventory procedures.

- IV.) **Garden Club landscape plans with large pots:** Judy Molnat presented a complete landscape plan for the front Orange Hall grounds, with plants and costs for all items.

Cost of \$3,903.00. Kelly to present to Candace for a possible grant application. Bobby stated that any grant would take some time. There was discussion about the \$1,500 that Candace had previously said might be available. Kelly will follow through with Candace. This would possibly handle the front pots and fountain area.

V.) Phase I plan for ground floor(preliminary): Jen had previously drawn up a plan, but this needs to be updated to meet current needs of the building. The floor surface is concrete, and may need to be addressed. It was decided that an onsite inspection will take place on Wednesday, June 14th. to walk through the ground floor and make notes and plans for the ground floor. Robin let Deborah Walker-Reed aware of the visit so it can be announced 24 hours prior to the visit. Robin also stated that Talbot House in Savannah may be able to help with layout and plans.

- There was a great deal of discussion regarding Orange Hall in general, landscape plans, ground floor ideas, Cookhouse construction, designs for exhibits, etc.
- Niles mentioned that he had repaired some of the fence along Conyers Street. He had reattached several skirt boards and numerous pickets. Mainly esthetic as the fence needs replacement.
- It was also discussed that Debbie Ellzey's time on the Committee ends in July. She was encouraged to stay on the Committee if at all possible. Debbie says she has much to think about due to a very busy family and business schedule.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35AM.

The next meeting of the Orange Hall Committee will take place at Orange Hall on Wednesday, June 10th, 2023 at 10:00AM

The next scheduled meeting of the Orange Hall Management Committee will be July 13th, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

Niles Trapnell

Secretary