

Orange Hall Management Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2023
St. Marys City Hall

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

- Roll Call(quorum present)
Present: Robin Cross, Niles Trapnell, Alise Pate, Carol Bradley, Vernal Morrison, Allen Rassi

- Guests: Tom Harding(citizen), Robby Horton(City Manager), Bobby Marr(Director of Public Works)

- Approval of the minutes of the October 12th, 2023 meeting. Motion by Robin Cross, second by Alise Pate. Unanimous approval.

Cookhouse Construction: Robby stated that progress is moving forward, with late Spring of 2024 before the construction is finished. Robby and Bobby brought forth discussion regarding the fence behind the Cookhouse which borders the Mock property. The fence is in great disrepair, and needs replacement. Replacing the current fence with anything other than what is there would require going before the HPC. The decision was made by the Committee to replace the fence with a matching design. In addition, there is a dead tree in the Cookhouse area that needs to be taken down. The request to remove the tree has to go before the Tree Board.

Hippo Inventory Status: As stated before, once all floors have been completely renovated, and a decision is made on what furniture and accessories will be used, then any excess will be disposed of by the City via auction and/or private bids. This action will not take place for several years dues to the time frame needed to complete renovation. The book showing pictures and inventory of all items that are in storage from Orange Hall is currently located at the St. Marys Welcome Center.

Phase 1 Of Ground Floor: Once the Cookhouse is complete, and ready for use, then the work on the ground floor will commence. Funds may have to be requested again during the next budgetary process depending on how much of the current budget for Orange Hall is required during this budget year for the Cookhouse.

Group Discussion:

- The Christmas decorations have been installed at Orange Hall, and Public Works did a great job. Orange Hall is definitely a gem.
- Discussion revolved around the other Orange Hall sites on Facebook. These sites are all administered by one person, and Alise stated she may get in contact with this person,

and work to consolidate all sites into one Orange Hall site. She was given the information by Niles showing the sites and administrator.

- Niles brought up that he has been contacted by the Orange Hall Foundation in regards to continuing the Foundation. The Foundation is still active, and their corporation papers are up to date. Niles stated that he conveyed that he has no desire to move forward with the Foundation, and that the City is the contact for anything regarding this issue. It was brought forth that the City has been in contact with the Foundation, and any funds currently held by the Foundation may be set aside for the Live Nativity, which is held at Orange Hall.
- The brochures printed up for Orange Hall are now at the St. Marys Welcome Center, and are available for visitors and citizens.

The meeting was adjourned by Robin Cross at 10:07AM.

The next meeting of the Orange Hall Management Committee is set for December 14th, 2023.

Niles Trapnell

Respectfully submitted by Niles Trapnell, Secretary