

**Orange Hall Management Committee**  
**St. Marys City Hall January 11, 2024 Meeting Minutes.**

- \*\* Meeting called to order by Robin Cross at 9:30 a.m. - Quorum: Yes. Minutes approved.
- \*\* Present: Robin Cross Carol Bradley Todd Harding, and Vernal Morrison.
- \*\* Absent: Niles Trapnell Alise Pate and Allen Rassi.
- \*\* Visitors: Robby Horton City Manager, Jen Fabrick Architect/Consultant and Cheryl Carter DDA

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**COOKHOUSE CONSTRUCTION:** Per City Manager Horton, expected completion is Spring of 2024.

**HIPPO INVENTORY STATUS:** Plans to have OHMC group visit warehouse after cookhouse construction and grand opening to public. Then City of St. Marys will contract-out work on downstairs, i.e. painting, dry walling, installation of new floors to replace historic brick throughout downstairs. This will be done in coordination with City and contractor who is awarded the bid.

After all work is complete, OHMC group will choose appropriate furniture for each room, such as Orange Blossom Room, Mobile cultural exhibit room, and Georgia History Room. Furniture will be moved from Hippo into ground floor of Orange Hall by City Public Works Department. Then furniture for each room can be installed....tentatively by late summer of 2024.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- \*\*\* Group Findings – we decided to all work together First: Planning and Timelines Second: Finance.
- \*\*\* Most members now have the ultimate resource, Kay Westberrys “Eye of the Storm.”
- \*\*\* Under Planning and Timelines we will schedule Tour and Inspection of OH and Hippo tour.
- \*\*\* Azalea trimming with Judy Molnar is scheduled for 1/27 at 1:00 p.m. but will have Rain Check day 2/3 if weather improves. Bring your friends and tools!!
- \*\*\* Suggestion that we contact SCAD students for creative landscape design!!
- \*\*\* Also for the long front room, need the guidance of a professional exhibit designer. SCAD?
- \*\*\* Create Narrative and story Arc – bringing to life - Possessions/Unwritten history/Family legends.

AUDIENCE TO PUBLIC: 10 minutes - Agenda items only. Thank you!!

**NEXT MEETING – FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> 9:30 a.m.**

**Respectfully submitted by Robin Cross for Niles Trapnell**