

**Orange Hall Management Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2024
St. Marys City Hall**

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

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

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

- Approval of the minutes of January 11, 2024 meeting. Motion by Niles Trapnell, second by Vernal Morrison. Passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Cookhouse Construction-The construction phase of the Cookhouse is coming to an end. Per Bobby Marr, the stainless kitchen tables, etc., have been removed from Hippo, and are ready to be installed. The actual use of the Cookhouse is expected sometime in March. An open house for the public will be held once the construction is complete. Possibly work this open house in with some event on the grounds.

Cookhouse Use-Todd Harding to set up meeting with Leann and the City to set up guidelines, fees, etc.

Oleanders on OH grounds: The oleanders on the grounds of Orange Hall will more than likely remain, and not be removed.

Hippo Storage-No change in this status from the last meeting of the OHMC.

New Business:

1st. Floor Construction-Per Robby Horton, the decision has not been made on whether the City will do the construction work, or if it will be contracted out. The 2024-2025 City budget will be tight.

Dead tree behind Cookhouse/rest rooms-Per Bobby Marr, the removal of dead tree has been contracted out.

Grant writer on staff-The City now has a grant writer, Kimberly Smith, on staff. It was suggested that she be invited to the OHMC meeting on March 14th, 2024 to discuss possible grants for Orange Hall.

Group Discussion:

- Robin to get with Finance to see what funds are still available for Orange Hall in the 2023-2024 budget year, and work out the details with Robby Horton.
- Discussion revolved around assisting the City with our own fund raising, as well as to help bring attention to Orange Hall. It was decided that an event will be held on the grounds of Orange Hall on June 8th. The event would consist of either a low country boil, or fish fry. Allen Rassi volunteered the Kiwanis, and the use of their equipment. Alise would push the event on Facebook, as well as promote it in the Tribune, on K-Bay 106, and through the use of yard signs. A date of June 8th was decided upon, with Niles to get with Leann Howard to pursue the necessary paperwork. The possibility of music on the grounds (St. Marys Community Band), plus the St. Marys Community Market being held at the same time, would help draw citizens to the event, and help raise funds. A date will be set for the initial planning of the event, and Niles will inform everyone.
- **Orange Hall Interior Tour**-A date for the committee to tour Orange Hall will be set for either March 6th or March 13th. Niles will verify with Bobby Marr, and inform everyone.

The next scheduled meeting of the Orange Hall Management Committee will be March 14th, starting at 9:30AM.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30AM by Robin Cross.

Respectfully submitted,

Niles Trapnell

Secretary
OHMC