

Orange Hall Management Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2022
St. Marys City Hall

- Meeting called to order at 9:31AM by Robin Cross

- Roll Call(quorum present)
Present: Robin Cross, Jen Fabrick, Niles Trapnell, Vernal Morrison, Robby Horton, Allen Rassi, Debbie Ellzey
- Absent: None

- Approval of the minutes of the February 10th, 2022 meeting. Motion by Robin Cross, second by Debbie Ellzey.

Old Business:

- EMP estimate for Orange Hall per Robby Horton, City Manager. Total at this time stands at \$34,000. This amount will be included in 2022-2023 City budget for approval, and funding when available.
- Arbor Day. Planting of the 2 magnolias was held on February 18th, 2022 with sponsorship by the St. Marys Garden Club and Peni Colville Memorial. The stakeout boundaries of the proposed cookhouse was performed at this time by Robin Cross, Jen Fabrick, and Niles Trapnell.

New Business:

- Certificate of Appropriateness for Cookhouse: Presented to the Historical Preservation Committee by Jen Fabrick and Robby Horton on February 22nd, along with the necessary drawings. The HPC gave its' unanimous approval of the project.
- Estimate for Cookhouse: Robby reported that the estimated cost stands at \$100,000, and approved by City Council. The necessary fund allocation is currently going through the budget process for the coming 2022—23 year. It is very possible that the “Green Room” may be doable for use during the next fiscal year for use by anyone using Orange Hall for events..
- Orange Hall Property Use Guidelines: Need to develop these per discussion at March 3rd. workshop. Still in discussion stage and further input is needed.
- 5 Year Plan: A number of items were discussed at the March 3rd. workshop, along with developing the Orange Hall story. This will also be an ongoing process as we move forward.
- By-Laws: Still awaiting council approval per Robby. 7th member needed for OHMC in case of tie vote. Also, there is a current open position on OHMC. Debbie has a possible

candidate, and is waiting on her to complete application. Robby stated that he needed this application by March 21st.

- Fund Raising Ideas: Robin requested that Debbie and Vernal please write up and present ideas previously discussed. Robby stated that the city attorney, Stephen Blackabey, is currently looking at whether the OHMC fund raising will fall under the city's umbrella from a legal standpoint.

Other Matters:

- Jen went over the newest plans that she had presented to Robby for city input, along with a timeline for completion. Discussion revolved over "rebranding" of Orange Hall, a new logo, and the need to update the web site. City employees replaced the posts on the Gilman Cultural sign this week. It was brought up that the current "historical" sign was too far degraded, and needed to be replaced. Robby stated that the city is looking at a new provider, and this might delay and updates, but will verify. There is a good possibility that the mechanical aspects for Orange Hall can be addressed by the Winter/Spring of 2022-2023, with the lower level completed by the Spring of 2024. It was also discussed that eventually a city employee may have to be responsible for scheduling events, etc., as this could involve a great deal of time, plus the person needs to be readily available. There will be more discussion in regards to this as progress moves forward on Orange Hall. It was discussed that the Committee needed to meet at Orange Hall to evaluate the picket fence and other items in regards to landscaping by the St. Marys Garden Club. The Committee agreed to meet at 10AM at Orange Hall on Wednesday, March 16th to evaluate these items.
- Allen Rassi brought up that the city had cleaned and repaired the fountain when it was reported by Judy Turner that it was not operating properly. He also advised the committee that a work session be held with the city in early Fall of this, preferably in September.

Granting audience to the public:

- No questions at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30AM. Motion by Robin Cross, second by Debbie Ellzey

Next scheduled meeting is set for Thursday, April 14th.