

**Orange Hall Management Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**May 12, 2022**  
**St. Marys City Hall**

- Meeting called to order at 9:30AM by Robin Cross
- Roll Call(quorum present)  
Present: Robin Cross, Robby Horton, Niles Trapnell, Allen Rassi, Jen Fabrick, Kelly Bennett, Vernal Morrison, Debbie Ellzey  
Absent: None  
Guest(s): Judy Mulner of St. Marys Garden Club
- Approval of the minutes of the April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting. Motion by Jen Fabrick, second by Robin Cross. Approved by the committee.

**Old Business:**

- Curb Removal: Robby informed the committee that removal of the curb along the front sidewalk is a priority of Public Works. It was stressed to him that the removal is a time sensitive issue since planting of the front landscape needs to happen ASAP due to the fact that hot weather is fast approaching, and the newly installed plants can be easily further stressed the later in the summer that the plants are installed.
- 501c3 Status: Still awaiting the City Attorney's decision as to whether OHMC can become a 501c3, or will utilize the City's status.
- Change in By-Laws: Has not been presented to the City Council as of yet. Was emphasized to Robby that the OHMC be able to select new member positions.
- MEP bid status: Several estimates have been received, but no actual bids in hand. Robby assured the committee that funds have been allocated in the next fiscal year, which begins July 1<sup>st</sup>, and that some structural repairs may take place also on the ground floor.
- General discussion under Old Business: It was mentioned that Bobby Marr should be present at the OHMC Logo and general brainstorming meeting scheduled for June 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss items relating to Public Works responsibility. Also, after July 1st, the City needs a package for the cookhouse with final plans, etc. May be a city item since they have regulations that need to be adhered to. Jen to assist is a possibility.

**New Business:**

- New website design: Kelly met with Robby and Nicole in regards to the design and verbage of the new website for Orange Hall. Have set June 14<sup>th</sup> as a target date for the new website, and a possible Orange Hall Facebook page. The website design will be a major item of discussion at OHMC brainstorming meeting of June 8<sup>th</sup>, set for 10AM at St. Marys Welcome Center.

- Cultural Center Attributes: Jen discussed the fact that Orange Hall will be used for many events, such as art exhibits, history(past & present), displays, etc. There should be an effort to bring the community into the events, as they did at Taste of Camden.
- Landscape Design Concepts/Plans: St. Marys Garden Club has made inquiries into several agencies regarding plans for Orange Hall. We have a landscape plan from 2001, which can be modified to meet current needs. Also the possibility of landscape grants for Orange Hall, and we have that information on hand.

**Other Business:**

- There were a number of items discussed during this timeframe. They are listed as follows:
  1. Hold events in designated area(s)
  2. Build a possible arbor
  3. Need to set aside area for at least a 40' x 60' tent. Landscape plan adjustments so that areas are free to be used.
  4. Children's garden area
  5. Fairy garden area
  6. Summer camps once Cookhouse is complete
  7. Use and disclosure agreements once more work has been completed to guide rental and use of the building and site.
  8. Plant orange trees on the site
  9. Current irrigation needs to be checked to see if it is possible to utilize or make adjustments in the layout for plantings, etc.
  10. Possible reenactments on the grounds
  11. Orange Blossom Room for brides
  12. St. Marys Garden Club will be holding a plant sale on the grounds on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43AM. Motion by Debbie Ellzey, second by Vernal Morrison.

Next scheduled meeting is June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 9:30AM. Brainstorming Meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup>, starting at 10AM at St. Marys Welcome Center.