

**Orange Hall Management Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2022
St. Marys City Hall**

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

- Roll Call(quorum present)
Present: Robin Cross, Niles Trapnell, Debbie Ellzey, Vernal Morrison, Allen Rass
Absent: Kelly Bennett

Guests: City Manager Robby Horton, Director of Public Works Bobby Marr, citizen Monty Baus

- Approval of minutes of August 11, 2022 meeting. Motion by Robin Cross, second by Niles Trapnell.

Old Business:

- **Fountain clean up, fence repair, relocation of large Gilman Cultural sign**-Bobby stated that all these items are on Public Works to do list, and work will commence once time and personnel are available. Discussion revolved around the Gilman Cultural sign having inaccurate information, and we needed to decide on a new location for the sign on the property. A unanimous vote was taken to take the sign completely down until the Committee decides on a new location, and the proper wording. Bobby will see to the sign being taken down and put into storage.

- **Historical Marker status**- Bobby stated that an order has been placed with Dalton Signs for a replacement sign at a cost of \$400.

- **MEP Completion date**-Still set for late 2023 per Bobby.

New Business:

- **Facebook Status**-In Kelly's absence the discussion revolved about how far the FB page of Orange Hall has come, and the reaction from the community. We must continue to work to increase the number of citizens utilizing the FB page of Orange Hall, Kelly has done a great job getting everything accomplished to this point.

- **Construction Timeline**- Per Robby the timeline as published previously for the construction of the "Cookhouse" is still in effect, but we must remember that it is highly speculative, and subject to change. The initial design plat is ready, and the committee gave notice to proceed as designed. Robby passed around the plan, and will forward copies to all Committee members. In addition Robby said we needed to come up with a

landscape plan prior to complete repair of the irrigation system. The City is working with a grant securing group for possible grants(s) for Orange Hall.

- **General Discussion**-At this point, and throughout the meeting, discussion revolved around items brought forward by citizen Monty Baus. Items discussed are as follows:
 1. It was brought up that the community is upset at the perceived changes to Orange Hall. Discussion by members of the Committee and City officials that we all understand that we need to get the word out about Orange Hall, and the future plans, and that we are working towards that goal via Facebook, newspaper, word of mouth, etc. Orange Hall will always be Orange Hall.
 2. It was mentioned that the building need to be used as it now stands, even if it may be only events on the grounds. Mention was made to possibly start using the front porch for musical events, storytelling, etc.
 3. Kelly needs to work with the newspaper to get pictures and articles, along with FB and other avenues to spread the word. At least one article per month.
 4. Monty Baus brought up the fact that in 2016 there was a plan for building use and layout. Robby to check into the City records to try and locate.
 5. There was discussion about visiting the storage site for Orange Hall items. And to determine what is usable, and what is not.
 6. Fund raising for Orange Hall needs to start small, and continue to grow as time progresses.

Other Matters:

- **Creation of favorite collection of Family Recipes**-A work in progress to be dedicated to Orange Hall.
- **Creation of Herb Garden**-Another work in progress being assisted by the St. Marys Garden Club.
- **Still need one more member on the Committee**-Needs to be a dedicated individual with love for Orange Hall.

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:00AM

The next meeting of the Orange Hall Management Committee will be October 13th, 2022

Niles Trapnell

Respectfully submitted by Niles Trapnell, Secretary