

**Orange Hall Management Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 13, 2022**  
**St. Marys City Hall**

- Meeting Called to order at 9:31AM by Robin Cross
  
- Roll Call(quorum present)  
Present: Robin Cross, Niles Trapnell, Kelly Bennett, Vernal Morrison  
Absent: Debbie Ellzey, Allen Rassi
  
- Guests: Director of Public Works Bobby Marr, Judy Molnar from St. Marys Garden Club
  
- Approval of minutes of September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting. Motion by Robin Cross, second by Niles Trapnell. Motion passes unanimously.

**Old Business:**

- **Status of blueprints from David Amos?** In absence of Robby Horton, who is at a conference, Bobby Marr presented draft which shows approximately 80% of the plan complete. He will email a copy to Niles Trapnell, who in turn will forward to all committee members. In addition, Bobby stated that the contractor chosen for the Cookhouse will be responsible for furnishing all appliances, such as refrigerator, ice box, etc. It was during this discussion that Bobby also stated that the new historical sign is about 2 weeks out from being ready.
  
- **General Discussion:** Discussion revolved about use of the grounds of Orange Hall. Bobby mentioned that Candace Pullum with Main Street St. Marys has scheduled a Christmas Crafts event for December 10<sup>th</sup>. This is in addition to the Live Nativity.
  
- **Landscape plan made before irrigation work:** It was agreed that the committee would utilize the plan currently on hand that was drawn up by the St. Marys Garden Club, and that we would keep the plan as simple as possible. Therefore, the irrigation plan would consist of zones watering the grass, plus several drip valves for the plantings. An onsite visit will be scheduled in the future to go over said plans, and design.
  
- **Presentation of Gullah Geechee:** It was at this time that Vernal Morrison gave a very inspiring presentation of Gullah Geechee storytelling. Presentation lasted approximately 10 minutes.
  
- **Cookhouse Management, booking, fees, etc:** Leann Sutton, Executive Assistant, is responsible for booking any events at Orange Hall. It is up to the committee to come up with a fee schedule for weddings, workshop, etc.

- **List of suggestions given by Monty Baus to the City in 2016 regarding OH use, etc:**  
The plans have apparently been lost in the changeover from various employees/administration. If Mr. Baus can come up with a duplicate set of the plans, then the committee would be glad to consider them.
- **Inspection of climate controlled storage units:** Bobby Marr will have to check, and set a date for the committee to look at the contents currently in storage. Will advise the committee on a date.
- **Protocol for financial donations to Orange Hall:** This item is on hold until a decision has been made by the City Attorney.

#### **New Business:**

- **Facebook status , newspaper articles, etc. :** Kelly mentioned using a FB blog or 30 second to 1 minute info “commercial” similar to the one used by City Manager Robby Horton. Discussion revolved around at working to get at least one article per month into the newspaper. In addition, all members should notify Kelly of any happenings prior to that event. Kelly met with Nicole Goebel, Tech Coordinator for the City, to make Orange Hall info easier to locate.
- **Antique Rose at gate status:** Judy Molnar requested that the Garden Club needs 72 bricks, black cow amendment, plus pine straw to spruce up the entrance at the gate. Bobby Marr to coordinate getting the materials to the Garden Club.
- **Construction Timeline and supporting process forward:** Bobby Marr reported that timeline was very close to being on schedule, with the City requesting bids for the Cookhouse being on track for some time in November. We all have to be aware that all dates are highly speculative in today’s construction climate.
- **Other matters:** Creation of cookbook and herb garden discussed, but no decision made. It was reminded that the Committee is still in need of another member to fill Jen Fabrick’s slot.

The meeting adjourned at 10:32AM

The next meeting of the Orange Hall Management Committee will be November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

*Niles Trapnell*

Respectfully submitted by Niles Trapnell