



West Chester Historical Commission Meeting

401 East Gay Street, West Chester, PA 19380

Room 232 – Borough Hall

March 17, 2022 – 7 PM

Meeting Agenda – In person meeting

- A. Call meeting to order -
- B. Introduction of guest(s) -
- C. Public comments on items not on the agenda -
- D. Approval of minutes for January 20, 2022 -
- E. Chair report –
 1. 339 West Gay Street – no update for demolition permit to be granted by the Borough.
 2. Borough of West Chester 225th Anniversary in 2024 & 225th Anniversary of the USA in 2026. Borough Council will need to establish a community-based committee for both events. It is hoped that the same committee, with modifications, will plan both events. As per request of Council Member Brian McGinnis, I will forward information to him prior our meeting.
 3. 2022 Chester County Town Tours – Will kick -off in West Chester on Thursday, June 9th and involves HARB and the Historical Commission. West Chester's theme will focus on Humphry Marshall's 300th Birthday and will cover northeast quadrant of borough. Tour Guides and inside helpers will be needed.
 - 4, Received from Chester County Commissioners information on this year's Juneteenth celebration – see attached copy.
 5. Bruce Mowday will chair the 200th Anniversary Celebration Committee commemorating Lafayette's visit to Delaware and Chester Counties in 1825. Presently the focus will include Delaware County, the Chadds Ford area, and the West Chester area. He has added me to the committee that will plan for the 2025 celebration.
 6. Projects on hold.
 - a. Still trying to arrange for the return of all items to Ann Morgan Oas. Ann has contacted me and has donated assorted newspapers, books and items to me to review and dispersal to the Borough/C C History Center. **(Chair Walsh will develop an acceptance letter. TBD)**
 - b. Gay Street School Project – **(Chair Walsh will reach out to Fugett family. TBD)**
 - c. Virtual meeting held with Cory Kergarise, West Chester Planning Commission and HARB on Tuesday, February 23, 2021. Topic: *Zoning & Preservation*. Received items from Catherine Quillman and Chris Lang. Purpose: **Possible changes to Planning Ordinance (Chair Walsh to contact the Planning Commission and HARB.TBD)**

d. CCHPN Leadership Luncheon held on Saturday, April 10, 2021 – We still need to obtain the demolition ordinances from East Brandywine and Schuylkill Townships plus obtain East Brandywine presentations and share with Commission. We have Thornbury Township's ordinance. Purpose: Possible changes to Planning Ordinance (Should be included as part of item c above)

e. Chestnut Street Parking Garage/Chester County History Center's Raymond Rettew History Project – Eric Lorgus - **(On hold until 2022 - TBD)**

f. Local History Presentations – future programs- Bayard Rustin program with Mitchell Crane and/or Florence Miller plus other possible in-person or virtual programs. **(Kora Stahl & Sandra Ram - TBD)**

g. Chester County Courthouse and Gnomon – Jonathan Hoppe & TiJa Butcher – Tom has previously contacted Becky Brain of the County Commissioners office on behalf of the project committee and have been working on other County projects. **(On hold. Note: Pedestal is still on southside of Old Courthouse lawn)**

F. Vice-Chair Sandra Ram

1. Social Media –

2. Interns – TBD

3. C.A.L. M. at WCU on April 8, 2022, from 3 pm to 5pm, room 225, Lawrence Hall -

G. Committee/task reports and updates:

1. Heritage Trees – Kora Stahl –

2. Archaeology – Kora Stahl –

3. Humphry Marshall Project – Chris Lang – see attached report

4. Juneteeth 2022 – Everett Butcher –

5. Wiki Project - Eric Lorgus – Will meet with W C U intern on 3/22/22

H. Other member's reports or comments

I. Old business –

J. New Business –

K. Announcements and adjournment –

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY: April 21,2022 at 7 pm - AGENDA DEADLINE: SATURDAY, April 16,2022.

BOROUGH COUNCIL: Smart Growth Committee – April 12, Council Work Session – April 19 and Council Voting Session April 20.



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Juneteenth 2022

Received from Bev Sheppard – 3/8/22

Beverly Sheppard (beverly@bksheppard.com) To: you + 45 more [Details](#)
Good morning.

I am pleased to let you know that a county-wide celebration of Juneteenth will take place again this year. Last year's programming was exceptional and so well attended despite the lingering concerns about COVID. We are hoping that we can celebrate even more in person this summer.

I am writing on behalf of the Juneteenth organizing committee to invite your interest and planning for this summer's event. You are receiving this email because you were either engaged or expressed interest last year. Many of you organized wonderful community events to honor Chester County's past and continuing focus on social justice and equality. We sincerely hope you will participate this year as well. The keynote events will take place between Friday, June 18 and Sunday June 20. The full celebration can extend well into June. More specific information will follow.

At this time, I invite you all to begin a conversation in your community about ways to celebrate this important national holiday, the first known celebration of the ending of slavery in our nation. I will be in touch soon with more information. Please feel free to email me with any questions or ideas in the meantime.

Beverly Sheppard



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H M 300th Report by Chris Lang

3/13/22

Humphry Marshall 300 Celebration Actions during last month

1. Seedling Native Tree giveaway set for Sat April 30 at CC Historical Center

Plans were worked out for 150 trees paid for by Bartlett Trees and Humphry Marshall Fund

2. Article written for Chester Co. Preservation Ledger about Humphry Marshall's life and his botanical Importance. - by Ledger Editor Catherine Quillman
3. Discussions on Internet presence within the Chester Co. Historical Center Website.

Benefit more traffic, clicks and better searching

Prepared an outline

4. Tree Tags for trees in Marshall Square Park listed in HM's Americanum Arbustum

Discussions with Anne Walters of FMSP, quote obtained

5. HM300 Street Banners
Promoting and exploring possibilities in the WC Borough

6. Meeting of HM300 Planning group set for 10 AM Mar. 24 – at the C C History Center

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