



West Chester Historical Commission Meeting

401 East Gay Street, West Chester, PA 19380

Room 232 – Borough Hall

July 21, 2022 – 7 PM

Meeting Agenda – In person meeting

(MEETING TO BE RECORDED)

- A. Call meeting to order -
- B. Introduction of guest(s) -
- C. Public comments on items not on the agenda -
- D. Approval of minutes for June 16, 2022 -
- E. Chair report –
 - 1. 339 West Gay Street – no update for demolition permit
 - 2. Borough of West Chester 225th Anniversary in 2024 & 250th Anniversary of the USA in 2026. Borough Council will need to establish a community-based committee for both events. Awaiting decision from Council and will send announcement from Chester County regarding the 250th to everyone. Have had no update from Borough Council
 - 3. Bruce Mowday will chair the 200th Anniversary Celebration Committee commemorating Lafayette's visit to Delaware and Chester Counties in 1825. – Bruce has not yet set a meeting date. I have contacted Malcolm Johnstone of the C C Community Foundation, Connor Hepp, President C C History Center and Mark Slouf of Friends of Martin's Tavern.
 - 4. Oral History Project – to be determined
 - 5. CCHPN 2022 Volunteer Recognition Reception – a nice evening at Thornbury Farm – good food – awards – each municipality made brief comment on their projects and achievements
 - 6. Jane Dorchester project update – new business
 - 7. Budget – new business
- F. Vice-Chair Sandra Ram
 - 1. Social Media –
 - 2. Interns – funding is needed – (Chair suggestion - plan how to use intern as step one)
- G. Committee/task reports and updates:
 - 1. Heritage Trees – Kora Stahl – attend their August 3 meeting
 - 2. Archaeology – Kora Stahl – update
 - 3. Humphry Marshall Project – Chris Lang update –
 - 4. Wiki Project - Eric Lorgus –

5. Porchfest 2022 – “Miggy” Min -

H. Other member’s reports or comments

I. Old business –

1. Women’s History Month – Miggy, Catherine, Sandr R. and Kora – to be developed
- 2, Martin I. King Speech Contest – to be developed (multigroup event (WCHC. W C high schools, CC Community Foundation, WC NAACP and Melton Center)

J. New Business –

1. Recommend Borough consider a follow-up project to merge the Borough’s leftover data into the new Pennsylvania data base
- 2, Proposed 2023 recurring budget items: Chester County Historic Preservation Network dues (\$100.00 – includes all members of HARB and the Historical Commission) – Chester County History Center Community Membership dues and photo license (\$135.00 + \$24.00 ==\$159.00- includes all members of HARB and the Historical Commission – Note we can include some members of the Planning Planning Commission and Tree Commission if needed)

K. Announcements and adjournment –

BOROUGH COUNCIL: Smart Growth Committee agenda deadline August 3 and Smart Growth Committee meets on August 10 at 6:30 pm - Council Work Session is August,16 at 6:30 pm and the Council Voting Session is August 17 at 6:30 pm.

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY: August 18,2022 at 7 pm - AGENDA DEADLINE: SATURDAY, August 13,2022.



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A. Call meeting to order – 7:01 pm

Present: “Miggy” Min, Catherine Quillman, Snndra Ram, Sora Stahl and Tom Walsh – Absent with notice: Sandra Hall, Chris Lang and Eric Lorgus – Absent: Everett Butcher

B. Introduction of guest(s) - none

C. Public comments on items not on the agenda - none

D. Approval of minutes for June 16, 2022 – Mechanical errors – will approve in July

E. Chair report –

1. 339 West Gay Street – no update for demolition permit to be granted by the Borough. -will check with Kevin Gore
2. Borough of West Chester 225th Anniversary in 2024 & 250th Anniversary of the USA in 2026. Borough Council will need to establish a community-based committee for both events. Awaiting decision from Council and will send announcement from Chester County regarding the 250th to everyone.
3. Town Tour Kick-off – 300th HM - Special thanks to Board Member Chris Lang, Mayor Lillian DeBaptiste, Malcolm Johnstone, Board Members Eric Lorgus, Miggy Min, Catherine Quillman and Kora Stah - plus the Chester County Commissioners and staff, the Chester County History Center, HARB and the W. Goshen Historical Commission
4. Juneteenth event notices were previously emailed. I attended the W C NAACP event at the Melton Center
5. Bruce Mowday will chair the 200th Anniversary Celebration Committee commemorating Lafayette’s visit to Delaware and Chester Counties in 1825. – the committee will be meeting later this month
6. Original Memorial Day Celebration – will form committee with West Goshen Historical Commission in fall of 2022 for a May 30, 2023 event
7. CCHPN 2022 Volunteer Recognition Celebration on June 22 – registration is closed
8. Oral History Project – contact Eric Freeland
9. Shaw 54th Memorial Rededication was held on June 1, 2022 – videos available on YouTube – full ceremony is on Boston NHP (2 hours, 13 min. 22 sec.) and a short tv news version is on YouTube WCVB Channel 5 (2 min, 15 sec. and includes an interview with Board Member Everett Butcher)
10. Jane Dorchester project update – Jane will estimate costs for July meeting.

F. Vice-Chair Sandra Ram

1. Social Media – Catherine mentioned problems with Facebook and Instagram links – Sandra will check and get corrected.
2. Interns – funding is needed – Sandra presented ideas and will develop plan for July's meeting

G. Committee/task reports and updates:

1. Heritage Trees – Kora Stahl – Kora and Tom plan to meet with the Tree Commission
2. Archaeology – Kora Stahl – Observing three demolition/building sites
3. Humphry Marshall Project – Town Tour Kick-off was a success. – Thank you to all.
4. Wiki Project - Eric Lorgus – no report – work will begin this fall
5. Porchfest 2022 – “Miggy” Min – Was a success and may have update in July for next year.

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