



West Chester Historical Commission Meeting

401 East Gay Street, West Chester, PA 19380

Room 232 – Borough Hall

August 18, 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 July 21, 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. Request made to Smart Growth on August 3rd, Smart Growth made no comments and asked no questions, The 200th Anniversary Celebration Committee commemorating Lafayette's visit to Delaware and Chester Counties in 1825 held a Zoom meeting on Friday, August 12th. Coordinator Bruce Mowday chaired the meeting. I had already 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. Malcolm and Jen Green of the History Center were present. The group of about 15 participants briefly discussed many potential activities. Possible events for West Chester include a parade, Banquet re-enactment at the History Center and an event at Gay and Church Streets.
3. Oral History Project – to be determined
4. Jane Dorchester project update – new business
5. Robert Thompson Post Office in the Borough West Chester is having its windows repaired. This Project will take several months. I will check with HARB to see if they are aware of the work.

F. Vice-Chair Sandra Ram

1. Social Media – update
2. Interns – funding is needed – We will need to develop a plan for using our intern. Kevin Gore Indicated that it may not be able to use for social media. This will need to be verified.

G. Committee/task reports and updates:

1. Heritage Trees – Kora Stahl and Tom attended the August 3rd Tree Commission meeting
2. Archaeology – Kora Stahl – update
3. Humphry Marshall Project – Chris Lang update –
4. Wiki Project - Eric Lorgus – update
5. Porchfest 2022 – “Miggy” Min – update in September

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) – Have contacted the three groups It was We may want to consider something with Bayard Rustin.

J. New Business –

1. Recommend Borough consider a follow-up project to merge the Borough’s leftover data into the new Pennsylvania data base. Kevin Gore indicated he will be meeting with Jane Dorchester
- 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) – Kevin Gore indicated he will handle dues as usual.

K. Announcements and adjournment –

BOROUGH COUNCIL: Smart Growth Committee agenda deadline September 7 and Smart Growth Committee meets on August 10 at 6:30 pm - Council Work Session is September 20 at 6:30 pm and the Council Voting Session is September 21 at 6:30 pm.

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY: September15 ,2022 at 7 pm - AGENDA DEADLINE: SATURDAY, September 10,2022.