



West Chester Historical Commission Meeting

401 East Gay Street, West Chester, PA 19380

Room 232 – Borough Hall

January 18, 202 – 7 PM

Agenda – In person and recorded.

Present:

Absent with notice: Paul Sookiasian, Kora Stahl

Absent:

A. Call meeting to order –

B. Introduction of guest(s) –

C. Public comments on items not on the agenda –

D. Annual reorganization -

E. Approval of minutes for October 19, 2023 – No quorum in November or December and no actions were taken.

D. Reports

1. Borough of West Chester 225th Anniversary in 2024 - The Mayor has announced the appointment of Sandra Riper as West Chester 225th Birthday coordinator. If community groups are interested, please have them contact Sandra at the following: 23-25 N. High Street, West Chester, PA 19380 – (610) 692—0374 or sandy@sunsethilljewelers.com

2. Mural location for 2024, 2025, 2026 & 2027 events update – Jimmer Breen made presentation to Commission at the November meeting.

3. Lafayette 200 Committee update –

4. Annual dues for CCPN and CC History Center (Includes all members of both the HARB and the Historical Commission) – submitted

5. West Chester Historical Atlas -

6. 2024 Town Tour - June 6 at the C C History Center

7. Social media –Catherine (Facebook), Sandra (Instagram), Eric (Wiki)

8. Interns – Sandra & Eric

9. Heritage Trees – Kora

10. Archaeology – Kora

11. Wiki project – Eric

12. Other -

J. Old business –

1.Special Memorial Day Item for our May 30, 2024, Memorial Day at Chestnut Grove Cemetery in conjunction with West Goshen Township – Everett will put together this portion of our celebration and present it to the Commission. Nothing new was presented. Everett will present a written report on possible USCT and related activities. Tom will make a request of the Mayor for use of Chestnut Grove Cemetery on Thursday, May 30, 2024 at 6pm and will notify the West Goshen Township Historical Commission.

2.Preservation Plan for West Chester's Historic Magnolia House – This can develop into a very comprehensive project for the Borough. Everett will lay out the preliminary ideas and goals in order that the Commission can determine how to proceed. Nothing new. Everett will present a written report on possible ways to proceed.

K. New Business – Nothing submitted by agenda deadline.

L. Announcements

M. Adjournment – 8:05pm

BOROUGH COUNCIL: Smart Growth Committee agenda deadline February 7 and Smart Growth Committee meets February 14 at 6 pm - Council Work Session is Tuesday, February 20 at 6:30 pm and the Council Voting Session is Wednesday, February 21 at 6:30 pm.

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, February 22, 2024, at 7 pm - AGENDA DEADLINE: SATURDAY, February 17, 2024.