



West Chester Historical Commission Meeting

401 East Gay Street, West Chester, PA 19380

Room 240– Borough Hall

November 20, 2025 – 7 PM

Meeting Minutes

Present: Tom Walsh, Kora Stahl, Anne Skillman, Catharine Quillman

Phone: Eric Lorgus, Sandra Rahm

Absent with notice:

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Call meeting to order – 7:02 PM

- A. Introduction of guest(s) – Mary Baylis, David Wickard
- B. Public comments on items not on the agenda –
- C. Approval of minutes for October 2025 – Kora Stahl moved to approve, Anne seconded, 6-0 votes to approve pending 2 minor corrections
- D. Reports
 - 1) Chair Tom Walsh
 - a. Reynolds Hall – stained glass window – Mr. Davis who lived at the farm will attend the January meeting
 - b. WCU Master Plan - College Arms buildings are historic
 - c. West Chester Historic Preservation Atlas report – Tom Walsh to contact county – January meeting
 - d. Gay Street School/Fugett Project – Anne needs measurements and rough layout to provide to Suzanne Gaadt for an estimate – she can do a design
 - e. \$159 Chester County History Center & \$125 CCHPN dues – checks requested
 - f. Thank you notes to Lafayette – Tom is working on
 - g. November 1st – CCHPN workshop - Catherine & Anne represented West Chester – communication goals for 2026
 - h. Chester County 250 Dare to Declare – Tom has not heard back from Parks & Rec – perhaps involve Carolyn Comitta
 - i. Tom & Kora will approach Friends of Everhart Park
 - ii. Chris Lang - Hoopes Park & Barclay
 - iii. Catherine will meet w/ Marshall Square Park
 - iv. Eric Lorgus –will talk to Lisa Kearns about Veterans Memorial at Washington & New
 - v. Rustin Park – pending contact list for park friends
 - i. Annual report – put together a synopsis of commission activities for the year

- 2) Vice-Chair Catherine Quillman – Stained glass window project
 - a. Catherine will work up an estimate for photo reproductions from CCHC of the original church
 - b. Review process for releases and permissions from each church official
 - c. Tom will share list of churches
 - d. Will eventually upload to borough website
 - 3) Wiki project – Eric Lorgus – needs to find a new student from WCU to assist - TBD
 - 4) Historic Trees Committee – Dr. Darlington Cedar of Lebanon – TBD.
 - 5) Social media – n/a
 - 6) Oral History Project – Chris Lang – pending written proposal from Eric Freeland
 - 7) Other –
- E. Old Business –
- F. New Business – Chris Lang suggested putting up QR Codes with building histories – Kyle Hudson
- G. Announcements -
- a. CCHC traveling Smithsonian exhibit: *The Bias Inside Us* – companion piece 12/12 The Disability Bias – a Conversation 5PM museum open, 6-7:30 presentation & conversation
 - b. *Season of Lights* 11/30 afternoon
- H.
- I. Adjournment – 8:15PM

BOROUGH COUNCIL: Smart Growth Committee agenda deadline Wednesday, December 3, 2025, and Smart Growth Committee meets on Wednesday, December 10 at 6:30PM - Council Work Session is Tuesday, December 16 at 6:30 pm and the Council Voting Session is Wednesday, December 17 at 6:30 pm.

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, December 18, 2025, 7 pm
AGENDA DEADLINE: SATURDAY, December 13, 2025.