

Minutes December 15, 2020
Upper Merion Township Historical Commission

Date: **Tuesday, 12/15/2020 at 7:00 PM** (Virtual Meeting)

| Name | Present | Regrets | Name | Present | Regrets |
|----------------|---------|---------|---------------|---------|---------|
| Kenn Brown | ✓ | | Dave Montalvo | ✓ | |
| Eileen Council | ✓ | | Greg Philips | | ✓ |
| Bill DelCollo | | ✓ | Sara Seipel | | ✓ |
| Pat Jordan | ✓ | | Tina Smith | ✓ | |
| Matt McCaffery | ✓ | | | | |

Meeting began 7:10 PM

Review, Approve the meeting minutes from November 2020

Motion to approve the Minutes: Dave Montalvo

Seconded: Pat Jordan

All present voted in favor. Motion to approve minutes carried.

1) Historic Property Updates

a) Moore-Irwin House update on use of grant money received to do structural survey—update tabled to January 2021 meeting

b) Sunny Hill Farm use for office, storage, meeting place for K of P HS, UMT HC— update tabled to January 2021 meeting for update from BOS Liaison

2) Rebel Hill zoning update. Tabled to January 2021 meeting.

a) What type of construction will be permitted?

b) What type of development would WECA like to have/preserve open spaces

c) Any possibility of the township purchasing the land to be used for community open spaces/garden/park?

3) PHMC Marker for Rebel Hill

--Sent email to HC on 12/4/20 that had the PHMC application, deadlines document.

--Request for HC members to brainstorm, write even 2 sentences pertaining to the marker.

4) Voices of Upper Merion Oral History Project:

--Phase I: Rebel Hill Community (see email from Greg Philips to HC dated 9/22/20 about the purpose for this project)

--Pat Jordan volunteered to coach, help with the production strategies. Pat has a career background in teaching, historical research, directing, authoring, interviewing and producing in person and videography efforts similar to the oral history project.

--Matt McCaffery said that he had talked with some members of WECA; they indicated interest in being interviewed for this project.

5) HC Sponsorship of an event with author of the book, Finding Om.
--Tina Smith is continuing to work with UMT Library Director on this.

6) Question about how to research, source grants.
--BCA, PA State Rep. Tim Briggs' office, other?
--Pat Jordan suggested we ask other UMT Commissions how they go about sourcing grants.

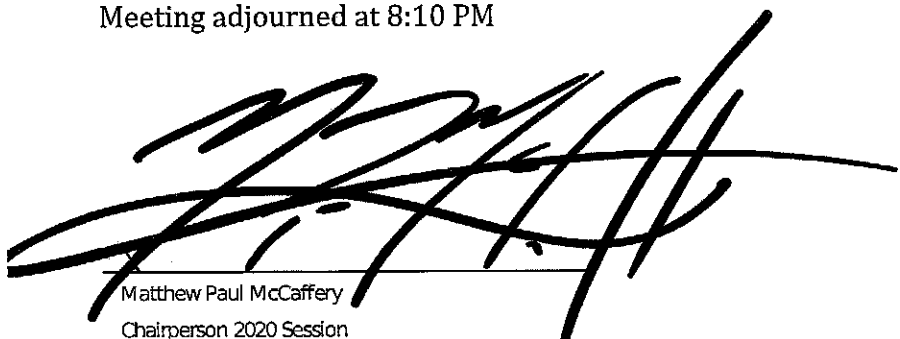
7) Update: How is the request for the UMT Staff person to be assigned to the HC going? Since this is required by township code, the HC would like to move forward with this.

8) Digital storage request: There are already many documents from this past year. Storage in Google shared docs, emails means that these documents are in personal control, rather than accessible for township designated users. Future HC would not have easy access to these if at all. These documents, in an agreed upon folder structure, should be available to HC members as needed. Administrative privileges from the township would keep the access controlled, up to date for current members, any others designated by the BOS.

Other:

The meeting time in the WebEx invitation sent out by PIO to be changed to 7PM
Updated email list to be re sent to PIO

Motion to adjourn meeting by Matt McCaffery, seconded by Tina Smith.
All approved motion to adjourn.
Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM



Matthew Paul McCaffery
Chairperson 2020 Session

Pat Jordan

Pat Jordan
Chairperson 2021 Session