

Minutes November 16, 2021
Upper Merion Township Historical Commission

Date: **Tuesday, 11/16/2021 at 7:30 PM** (Hybrid Attendance Meeting)

Name	Present	Regrets	Name	Present	Regrets
Kenn Brown	X		Matt McCaffery	X	
Eileen Council	X		Dave Montalvo	X	
David Dolga	X		Greg Philips	X	
Pat Jordan	X		Tina Smith	X	

Meeting began 7:35PM

Motion to approve Minutes from October meeting made by Matt and seconded by Tina.
Motion Passed 5-0. *

Current vacancies on citizen commissions, process for approval, communications to commission members:

- Historical Commission members suggested that applications indicating choice of serving on commissions be forwarded to Chair of commission on which the applicant is interested in serving. This process would help the BOS in streamlining their current process, would answer any questions the applicant may have about the work of the commission.
- BOS Liaison responded that the selection and appointment was a privilege reserved for BOS. This would ensure that the appointee reflects the viewpoints of the BOS.
- BOS answered that the vacancies on commissions are a task that follows the many other important issues that the BOS works on.

Current Project status:

1. Oral History Project

- Eileen volunteered to write up the mission statement and clarification of the project for the December HC meeting.
- Suggestions of reviewing Cabrini University project about Mt. Pleasant history
- Suggestion of project title change from "Voices of Upper Merion" to reference of the "journey" of citizens in UMT

2. Historical Commission webpage on UMT website

- Suggestion to decide on a date for this web page to debut.
- Content ideas include a summary of what the HC has accomplished so far; summary of the PHMC marker for Anna Morris Holstein; video clip of Pat Jordan's historical character portrayal of AMH featured on the UMT tv channel
- Request for HC members to volunteer to write content that would be placed in the template, and PIO would send link to the unpublished page for HC members to review.

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3. Historical interest displays:

- Community Center –planning for Spring 2022
- BOS Liaison suggested that HC contact Dan Russell; Matt volunteered to set up a meeting with Dan Russell.
- Township building –volunteers for planning, completion of exhibits
- Request for HC members to lead these efforts.

4. Moore-Irwin House

- BOS Liaison stated that the Murray report was not emailed, but only a hard-copy document was received. That hard copy document was sent back to Murray and Associates with unanswered questions: the report did not address what the cost for stabilizing the structure would be, nor the requested projected costs for remodel.
- HC members asked BOS liaison if a timeframe for return of the report with the answers was given to Murray and Associates by the BOS. No answer was given at the November meeting.
- BOS Liaison suggested that HC contact Dept of PW Director to discuss the decision about replacing the tarp; Matt volunteered to set up a meeting with Geoff Hickman.

5) Hanging Rock area, S. Gulph Rd markers:

- Dave Dolga waiting for response from GMCA representative.

Items #6 – 8 to be discussed at length in December 21, 2021 meeting.

6) Rebel Hill PHMC marker project

- Tina and Dave M will continue the work that they began with former Commissioner Laura Maggio.

7) List of 20 historical properties in Upper Merion Township for advisement to BOS from the Historical Commission:

- Tina sent the document in progress and the resources used to create the list.
- The HC needs to work on the advisement statements and agree prior to sending the list to the BOS .
- The 2040 UMT Comprehensive Plan has not been made available to the HC

8) Update on application for Moore-Irwin house considered by Saving Places sponsored by National Trust for Historic Preservation

- *9) Motion to rescind the approval of the October Minutes made by Matt, seconded by Eileen.
- Change to the wording of item #4 to be corrected so that October Minutes would be approved at December 21, 2021 meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Tina, seconded by Dave. All were in favor, motion to adjourn passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Items tabled:

- 1) Diversity Project with UMT Library

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- 2) James Toner resume re Historic Preservation, architecture
- 3) PHMC Grant for document scanning, storage
- 4) Document Management for HC on UMT server—tabled till Spring 2022

Pat Jordan – 12-30-21