



VILLAGE OF RIVERSIDE  
Historical Commission Regular Meeting  
Minutes

- I. Call to Order:* The Regular Meeting of the Village of Riverside Historical Commission was held in Riverside Township Hall on Tuesday January 17, 2023 at 7pm. Chairperson Julian called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Roll Call:*
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| <i>Present:</i> | Chairperson Julian<br>Commissioner Guardi<br>Commissioner Petrzilka<br>Commissioner Furey<br>Commissioner Ceragioli |
| <i>Absent:</i>  | Commissioner Schroeder<br>Commissioner Smith-Ray  |
- III. Approval of Minutes*
- A. Motion to approve November 21, 2022 minutes by Commissioner Guardi, seconded by Commissioner Ceragioli.  
**Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**
- IV. Approval of Financial Report*
- A. Chairperson Julian presented the financial report. The cash balance is \$74,407. The Commission budgeted sales and donations for \$2,000, but in 2022 the Commission received almost \$3,500.
- B. Motion to approve by Commissioner Ceragioli, seconded by Commissioner Guardi.  
**Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**
- V. Chairpersons Report*
- A. *2023 Goals/Objectives*  
To be discussed later.
- B. *Meeting Minutes Distribution*  
Chairperson Julian requested that minutes be distributed a week after the meeting. Management Analyst Splitt agreed to meet this timeline.
- VI. Continuing Business*
- A. 2023 Museum Calendar Sales Update

Commissioner Guardi informed the Commission that Riverside Foods increased their price for the calendar and has not sold all of their stock. Comm. Guardi was informed that Riverside Foods may buy less calendars next year. The Commission discussed whether they would like to continue with the calendar next year.

- B. Landmark Pamphlet. Committee comment on draft copy.  
Comm. Smith-Ray was absent from the meeting. Commission had no comment at the moment, and will discuss when the pamphlet is presented at the next meeting.
- C. Local History files digitizing report.  
Nothing new to report.
- D. Human remains from Fairbank Road. Update.  
Comm. Petrzilka hasn't gotten an update from the Professor and is unsure why the professor hasn't been responsive to communications.
- E. Museum website move to Village website. Update.  
The Commission discussed their Facebook posts. Management Analyst Splitt informed the Commission that Amy Downing has requested the Commission to provide her with more historical post ideas.
- F. Improved map to offer at the Museum  
Comm. Schroeder was absent, and the Commission will pick up the topic next meeting.
- G. West Wellhouse clean up  
Chairperson Julian informed the Commission that he and Comm. Guardi are continuing the work going through the West Wellhouse.
- H. Museum and phone and internet. Update on status of tower repair.  
Management Analyst Splitt informed the Commission that work on the antennae was under way and that work was expected to be completed within a couple weeks.

***VII. Exhibits***

- A. East Wellhouse  
Chairperson Julian mentioned to the Commission that he would like to change the East Wellhouse Exhibit to the 1896 Book exhibit. Commission Furey added that she thinks a new exhibit could spark conversations between Commissioners and museum visitors. Commissioner Furey also added that she has noticed visitors having more research questions as of late.
- B. Objects to display in window recesses  
Chairperson Julian explained to the Commission that he believes the museum windows could display more items. He would like Commissioners to brainstorm objects that can be displayed there.
- C. Library display discussion  
Commissioner Guardi recommended displaying the Cups and Plates exhibit at the library. She noted that this exhibit was popular when it last was shown which was pre-pandemic.

***VIII. Approval of Accessions to the Museum***

- A. Riverside Covid Mask: Donor - Ruth Julian  
Chairperson Julian present a Riverside branded mask to the Commission. This item would be added to the existing Covid file.  
Motion to accession the item by Comm. Guardi, seconded by Comm. Petrzilka.

**Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**

- B. 1914 PTA Organizational Meeting Notes: Donor - Erin Wieland  
Presented by Chairperson Julian, this item would be added to the School items. The PTA members list include some notable Riverside historical figures.

Motion to accession the item by Comm. Ceragioli, seconded by Comm. Guardi.

**Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**

*IX. Public Comment*

No public comment.

*X. New Business*

A. Chandelier

Commissioner Ceragioli brought up moving the Chandelier from the West Wellhouse to another location where it can be seen by the public. The Commission decided that the Chandelier should remain at its current location, and it will be able to be viewed by the public when the West Wellhouse opens.

B. Commission organizational discussion to establish Chairs for each aspect of the Commission in line with our goals and objectives

Chairperson Julian put together a list of areas for the Commission to strive for their goals in an organized fashion. Commissioners can sign up for items to take the lead on. The Chairperson doesn't want to assign tasks yet, but would like the Commission to review the list and be prepared to select items they would like to take the lead on. Comm. Guardi suggested adding the structure files to the list. Comm. Furey mentioned a potential outreach opportunity by getting involved with the D96 schools' history tours.

C. Item from Petrzilka

Comm. Petrzilka was going through the Historical files and found a report from 2001 on repairing and updating the Riverside Water Tower. This report recommended creating a Riverside Heritage Center. Comm. Petrzilka would like the Village to revisit this report.

*XI. Adjournment*

Motion to adjourn by Comm. Guardi, seconded by Comm. Petrzilka.

**Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.**

Respectfully submitted:

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Management Analyst Splitt

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Date Approved