

Oakland County Historical Commission Agenda

7:00 pm, November 13, 2023

BOC Conference Room

- I. Roll call
- II. Additions/changes to this agenda; acceptance of the agenda
- III. Approve Minutes from October 9, 2023
- IV. OCHC Commissioners up for reappointment: Egbo, Mutch – use this link to reapply:
<https://forms.oakgov.com/79>
- V. **New Business**
 - 1. Underground Railroad Project: Leslie Pielack presenting
 - 2. Discussion on proclamations from commissioners, recognition of local historical groups, having OCHC work with BOC communications team to make this A Thing
 - 3. Funding request to BOC for additional UGRR exhibit posters
 - b. Discussion on annual report to BOC – what topics? Our approach? Still waiting on meeting date.
 - c. OCPHS 150th anniversary – wants to meet in the BOC auditorium in May, possibly get a proclamation from the BOC/County Executive
- VI. **Old Business**
 - a. Action Items
 - 1. Time Capsule Pricing/Update (Rosie)
 - 2. Certificate of thanks to Jim Craft – Certificate template received, I will send to JoAnn for signature
- VII. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Website
 - b. At-Risk Properties
 - 1. Rochester High School
 - 2. Payne-Waugh/Bloomfield Cemetery – C. Egbo to contact Bloomfield Township Clerk
 - c. 1857 Map digitization – scanned, available digitally but needs post-processing, photographing Clarkston map.
 - 1. Local history as a subset of American History
 - 1. Poster Project Discussion: Involving cultural resources, current library list. Great Migration poster and future topic and locations discussion.
 - 2. African American History – See New Business for UGRR Update
 - 3. Essay Contest – Rosie to evaluate options for awards/trophies.
 - 4. Time Capsule – Eight communities engaged, capacity questions for capsule contents (Rosie) – see above action item)
 - d. Historic House Preservation Guide - Tabled
 - e. History Coalition
 - 1. HC Meeting Oct. 26, 2023, Rochester Hills Museum – PT McKay host, well attended, new chairs: Maura Jung/Carol Egbo
 - f. Preservation
- VIII. **Revisiting Old Topics**
 - a. Archives – Set appointment with Lisa Brown/archivist to assess finding aids
 - b. 1820 Proclamation – develop this plan, contact Bruce Hawkins, and assess options for framing/presentation
 - c. Finding Guide
 - d. Tax millage
- IX. **Upcoming Events:**
 - 1. December Commission Meeting – set for **December 11, 2023 at the Oakland History Center (Potluck)**
 - 2. Oakland County Cemetery Coalition Meeting November 28, 2023 at Waterford Oaks Activity Center. Milne working on an interactive cemetery map.