

Oakland County Historical Commission Minutes

7:00 pm, September 9, 2024

BOC Conference Room

1. Roll call – Present: Campbell, Decker, Egbo, Murphy, Mutch, Richardson.

Absent: Arwady, Walls

2. Agenda accepted.

3. Approve Minutes from August 12, 2024: Approved.

4. Agenda Items

- a. Decker - Historical Commission Budget: Items for purchase discussed, several suggestions made.
 - i. Decker to create budget for 2025, work with JoAnn Stringfellow on recommended purchases.
 - ii. Business cards and name tags to be purchased. Decker to work with Stringfellow for purchasing.
- b. Egbo - Cemetery/History Coalition meeting attendance discussed. Need to consider ways to develop attendance: set a topic for the meeting, possibly workshops, other ideas.
- c. Egbo/Decker – Oak Hill Records Update (NTF Application). Decker reports 45,000 records scanned, Egbo reports additional freedom seekers identified for further research. Records for existing freedom seekers also identified.
- d. Milne – ArcGIS concepts and uses – can we adapt the Green Infrastructure Project as a model for tracking historical and at-risk properties? More discussion is needed.
- e. Decker – P Card for purchasing – do we need a card of our own or does working with JoAnn’s card suffice? Decker to work with Stringfellow.
- f. Decker – Local History Conference Planning: Milne attended, gave an update. Expect a great event at OU.
- g. Decker – Certificate of Appreciation for Jim Craft: Discussion re: invite him to an OCHC meeting to present it, see if BOC will present it; or just mail it. No real decision made.
- h. Decker – outreach to BOC chair re: America250. Decker to pursue in November.
- i. At risk properties: Roosevelt School: Demolition stayed in the courts, a 501(c3) has been formed to support the effort, more to follow
- j. Rochester High School: Murphy reports no real change in status
- k. Process for tracking: Milne and Decker to collaborate on using ArcGIS for tracking AR properties.
- l. Campbell – would like focus on preservation, education and workshops

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.