

Oakland County Historical Commission

Minutes – January 13, 2025 – Transcribed from Zoom recording

Present: Decker, Walls, Mutch, Richardson, Murphy, Egbo

Convened 7:01 PM

Agenda – Accepted as written, Mutch

(forgot to adopt minutes)

New Business

1. Possible opportunity for an intern – Silvia Chinen – discussion: do we need an intern?

Tabled – awaiting George Milne's input

2. Conference Sponsorship – Local History Conference, March 28-29, 2025 – Decker – see attached registration/attendance information. Murphy would like a debrief on the conference in April.

3. Oakland County Historical Resources Group Dissolution and Archive Retention Project – Much discussion about the status of the project.

Old Business

a. Member renewals – Dave, Jerry and I – all reappointed as commission members

b. Decker to follow up on budget items not yet purchased:

- I'll work with Ron on projector and old house journal

- Need to count the flash drives

- Membership renewals – HSM should be done, what else?

Milne/Campbell – at risk properties – tabled to March

P card – Commission recommends one P-card for me.

Business card and badges to be handed out in March

Committee Reports

At risk: Rochester High School: No new information.

Roosevelt School: Court of Appeals hearing the case, Bob Hoffman and others to speak, we await a ruling from the court of appeals.

Davis House – Still in process, Davis family only interested in keeping Davis artifacts with the house. Springfield HS to take the rest back?

Parks has space available; house movers are to provide a quote for moving the house, conversation revolved around the best way to work with Diana Walls on managing the house move, relocation of furniture and artifacts.

Current plan is to meet with Diana, see what she needs/wants, and begin the conversation about moving the structure

Poster Project: Discussion about African American poster – Rosie says content needs some tweaking. Next steps – Rosie and George to assess content, we'll get it to Prof. Dykes to vet content.

Website: No report

Announcements:

Carol: Groundbreaking on the Holly Depot has happened, funding in place. The depot is moving!

Discussion of the surprise move of the Garling barn barn in Oakland Township and

Carol: Pontiac Transportation Museum fundraiser January 17 2025.

Decker: Discussion of Metamora Hunt history, how to preserve hunt history, discussion of historic structures in northern Addison township. A long meandering conversation about two houses in proximity to each other.

Next meeting February