

Cayce Historical Museum Commission October 4, 2023, Meeting Minutes

The October 4, 2023, meeting of the Cayce Historical Museum Commission (CHMC) was held in the Cayce Visitors Center. The meeting was convened at 4:00 by Chair James Stewart. The following individuals attended the meeting:

| Name | Status |
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| James Stewart | Chair |
| Pamela Sulton | Vice Chair |
| Marcy Hayden | Secretary |
| A.G. Dantzler | Commissioner (absent) |
| Charlita Earle | Commissioner |
| Pamela Sulton | Commissioner |
| Garrett Creasman | Commissioner |
| David Brinkman | Commissioner |
| Andy Thomas | Cayce Museum Curator |
| Elizabeth Lumsden | Cayce Museum Assistant |
| Jeff Wilkinson | Volunteer |

Upcoming Events:

10/7-Cayce Fall Fest

10/7-Fall Field Day-Archeology Society of South Carolina

10/11-Cayce Historical Museum Commission Strategic Planning Session

10/19 and 11/2-Historic Preservation of African American Sites Event (WeGOJA) at Brookland Lakeview Center

11/1-Christmas Traditions Volunteer Meeting

11/30-Tree Lighting and Cayce Cares

12/2 Christmas Traditions

12/9 Christmas Parade

Invocation: Vice Chair Pamela Sulton

Action Items:

September Meeting Minutes:

The Commission reviewed the previous meeting minutes. Commissioner Creasman motioned that the meeting minutes be accepted with that correction. Commissioner Sulton seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Museum Staff Report

Electrical repairs to the Public Safety building are in progress. October 17th is scheduled for repairs on the ceiling tiles. A RFP has gone out for a sealed bid to repair the Museum windows which need to be replaced with wooden windows.

The Museum staff is working to develop the updated Confederate Money exhibit to include the newly donated items, floating panels, and movement of items for better display. Staff is also working to develop a schedule for next year to develop “kids day” programs for homeschoolers and schools to attend with the idea that they occur once a month starting March through June. Staff is moving forward with appraisals for Catawba Pottery Collection which is currently scheduled for October 9th.

“Sweet Night” has been developed by Mr. Thomas to serve as a fundraiser, introduction to the Cayce Historical Foundation and Museum and is being planned for February. Five local bakeries are invited to attend and will have silent auction baskets, speakers and additional activities.

The changing exhibit that is currently the Columbia Raceway exhibit will be changing to an exhibit on the Columbia Airport. Commissioner Hayden mentioned that this was a good opportunity for sponsorship and they should get a rocking chair from the Airport as part of the exhibit as well.

Mr. Thomas shared that Jeff Wilkerson has written a great white paper from the Old State Road NRHP Nomination and could be a good point for an exhibit on the subject which could include the 12,000 year history of Cayce. Mr. Thomas mentioned that this could be turned into a publication or article in the future as well as digitized.

The African American exhibit completed and has been on display. Chair Stewart would like the African American Committee to decide on the time and date they would like the reception for the official opening of the museum. Staff is working to develop a press release with the City as soon as the date is identified.

Historic Preservation

The WeGOJA foundation is hosting a listening session for historic preservation on October 19 and November 2 from 6:00 to 8:00. Commissioners plan to attend.

Survey of African American Cemeteries has been completed and presented to the City. Many of these cemeteries need preservation work and maintenance. Chair Stewart said that the Commissioners should consider the opportunity for the Museum to move into the space of history preservation by taking a role in the upcoming work to preserve these locations.

Donations

A community member has offered to donate a large fire-proof safe for the Museum to use. Commissioners voted to accept the donation.

Old State Road NRHP Nomination

Commissioner Moore needs additional photographs of the road for the application.

Christmas Events

The Christmas Committee has designed stalls for the European-Style Christmas Market and is currently confirming vendors for the event. The lantern tour scripts have been completed and Commissioners have been given a copy to review. A call for volunteers will also be circulated throughout Cayce in October through the website and newsletter, but the slips did not go out on the trash cans due to an administrative issue. On November 1st, the Commissioners will host a volunteer meeting after the scheduled Commission meeting. Each Commissioner has volunteered to bring a dish. Additionally, Commissioners will meet again on October 18th at 4:30pm to finalize planning for the Christmas Traditions activities. Ms. Hayden will meet with Mr. Thomas regarding decorations for the indoors on Tuesday or Thursday of next week. Commissioner Moore has secured poinsettias for porch decorations.

Strategic Planning

The Commissioners will take place in a strategic planning retreat on October 11 with StopGap Solutions.

With no other business on the meeting agenda, Commissioner Creasman motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Earle seconded the motion and the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at **5:19 PM**.