

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION
MARCH 4, 2015
MINUTES

The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission met on March 4, 2015 in the 5th Floor Board Room of the State Museum of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The following Commissioners were present: Andrew E. Masich, Senator Andrew Dinniman, Representative Scott Petri, Fredrick Powell, and Kate Eckhart for Senator Joseph Scarnati and Alice Lubrecht. Karen Dougherty-Buchholz, John A. Barbour, Susan M. Corbett, William Lewis, Ann Moran, Richard Sand and Jean Craige Pepper participated via conference call.

The following staff were present: James Vaughan, David Carmicheal, Mike Denny, Serena Bellew, Jonathan Brandon, Scott Doyle, David Dunn, Beth Hager, Brenda Reigle, Tammi Snyder-Queen and James Vaughan. Rhonda Newton and Heather Hu represented the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation.

The following individuals also attended: Attorney John McGee, Vintage Baseball; Guy Pulhemus, Crossing Legacy; Amy McClellan, Crossing Legacy.

I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Masich called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: (Powell/Lewis) Motion to accept the minutes from the meeting on December 17, 2014. 12 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstentions. Motion carries. ABSENT: Representative Robert Matzie and Senator Andrew Dinniman.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. Transition – Chairman Masich reminded PHMC Commissioners that they are appointed by the governor; the governor appoints the Chair and members of the Commission with the exception of the four representatives from the legislature. We will continue to work as PHMC Commissioners until we receive notice from Governor Wolf of our status as commissioners.

Chairman Masich announced that Senator Andrew Dinniman has replaced Senator Jim Ferlo; Senator Dinniman was introduced when he arrived at the PHMC Commission meeting.

2. Museum Grants Legislation – Last year, SB 1070 was introduced to reinstate a grants program for museums that met a minimal level of professionalism and excellence. SB 1070 was not voted on last session. A new version of this bill, HB 170 was introduced and referred to the House State Government Committee.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Administration

1. Budget/Appropriations Committee Hearing – James Vaughan reported that the Governor's budget was announced yesterday and provides PHMC with the full amount requested. Our current budget for General Government Operations (GGO) - \$18.9 million, the GGO for FY 15-16 is \$19.5 million, an increase of about \$600,000. The current budget for the Keystone Fund - \$9.6 million, for FY 15-16 is \$10.2 million. The Keystone Fund is restricted for preservation, conservation, collections and exhibits.

2. Value of History Statement – Jim Vaughan reported that a number of national and statewide organizations support and endorse the Value of History Statement in principle and are committed to seeing history play a greater role in our educational systems and our communities. The State Historical Administrations have asked each state history organization to consider endorsing the case statement. The case statement will be sent to every legislator and secretary around the commonwealth and used in some of our public fundraising. PHMC is trying to emphasize the importance of teaching history in our schools.

MOTION: (Powell/Lewis) Motion to approve and endorse the Value of History Statement. 12 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstentions. Motion carries (See attachment). ABSENT: Representative Robert Matzie and Senator Andrew Dinniman.

3. Governor's Ethics Policy – Tammi Snyder-Queen reported on the Ethics Policy which amended the Governor's Code of Conduct adopted by Executive Order 1980-18. This policy is a stricter gift ban applicable to appointees, officials and employees in the Executive Branch. The Governor's Office of Administration anticipates web based training on the new policy for all staff.

4. Financial Disclosure – Tammi Snyder-Queen reported that all Financial Disclosure forms were mailed to PHMC Commissioners in January 2015. The original forms must be filed with the State Ethics Commission and a copy be sent to Jennifer Staub in the Executive Office; additional copies are available.

5. Inaugural Event - Jim Vaughan reported that the State Museum was used as part as Governor Wolfe’s Inauguration Day event which included an exhibit of the Pennsylvania Arts featuring Pennsylvania artists, such as NC and Andrew Wyeth, Andy Warhol, Thomas Eakins, Charles Demuth, Horace Pippin and Benjamin West as well as contemporary artists such as Joe Farrell , Daniel Ricardo Teran and Catherine Prescott.

B. Historic Preservation

1. Update on Shell Petrochemical Facility – Serena Bellew reported that the Shell Petrochemical Facility agreement is close to completion.

2. Historic Markers Approval – William Lewis reported that the Historic Marker Committee recently met and reviewed a total of 49 proposed markers. The Committee recommends approval of 22 applications, provisional approval of 3 applications and disapproval of 25 applications.

Chairman Masich called for a motion to approve the Historic Marker Recommendations.

MOTION: (Lewis/Powell). Kate Eckhart announced that Senator Scarnati would like to vote against the recommendation to disapprove the marker nomination in honor of the First PA Troopers Killed in the Line of Duty.

Scott Doyle reviewed the criteria for approving historic markers: 1) the nomination is clear and organized and includes thorough document and 2) The person, place, event had a significant impact on its times, and has statewide rather than local or regional historical significance. Scott Doyle said the Historic Marker program doesn’t serve as a memorial; it recognizes statewide and/or national events and the event did not result in a dramatic change in a way that the Pennsylvania State Police operated.

Chairman Masich amended the previous motion to include only the historic marker nominations that are being recommended for approval. MOTION: (Powell/Pepper) Motion to approve the historic marker

nominations that are being recommended for approval. 13 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstentions. Motion carries (See attachment). ABSENT: Representative Robert Matzie

Chairman Masich asked if there were any motions to approve any of the Historic Marker Nominations that were not recommended for approval.

Kate Eckhart called for a motion to approve the nomination for the First PA Troopers Killed in the Line of Duty. Chairman Masich asked for brief discussion on the nomination. There was a consensus among Commissioners that the historic marker committee could reevaluate the nomination of the First PA Troopers Killed in the Line of Duty and see if it can be rewritten in such a way that complies with our rules and to be re-considered for approval at the September 9, 2015 Commission Meeting. Based upon the recommendation of PHMC Commissioners, it was agreed that the First PA Troopers Killed in the Line of Duty nomination be granted provisional approval. A provisional approval would require the sponsor to resubmit the nomination with additional documentation. The nomination will then be reevaluated by the panel and resubmitted for commission approval. MOTION: (Eckhart/Dinniman) Motion to approve that the PA National Guard – Erie Armory nomination be moved under the list of provisional approval nominations. 13 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstentions. Motion carries. ABSENT: Representative Robert Matzie

3. PA Historic Preservation Board Resolutions – Serena Bellew reported on the four outgoing members of the Historic Preservation Board: Timothy Murtha, Patrick M. Shattuck, Matthew F. Marusiak and Leslie Patrick. Chairman Masich thanked the outgoing members for the work they have accomplished over the past six years.

MOTION: (Powell/Pepper) Motion to approve the PA Historic Preservation Board Resolutions as presented. 13 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstentions. Motion carries (See attachment). ABSENT: Representative Robert Matzie

4. Cultural and Historical Support Grant Program – At this time Chairman Masich turned the meeting over to Fredrick Powell to conduct this portion of the meeting. The following PHMC Commissioners have reported the below conflicts:

John A. Barbour – Life Trustee and Executive Committee member of the Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh, which include the Carnegie Science Center and the Carnegie Museum of Natural History.

Susan M. Corbett – Trustee, Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh, which include the Andy Warhol Museum, Carnegie Museum of Art, Carnegie Science Center, Carnegie Museum of Natural History and the Carnegie Arts Education Collaborative. Ex Officio member of the Philadelphia Museum of Art Board of Trustees which includes the Rosenbach Museum and Library.

Andrew Masich – President and CEO of the Senator John Heinz History Center.

William V. Lewis – Board Member, Luzerne County Historical Society.

Scott Doyle reported to Commissioners that the Commission received \$2,000,000 appropriations for the FY 2015-15 Cultural and Historical Support Grant Program. As a general rule, no county shall receive an allocation greater than 37.5% of the available funds. There are 121 eligible museums and official county historical societies in Pennsylvania.

The museums are divided into three tiers and awards are based on a calculation that uses the operating budget from the most recently completed fiscal year. The maximum award for a museum is \$65,000. The Tier 1 museums received requested grant award amount. Tier 2 and Tier 3 museums received in their percentage related to their operating budget to determine their grant award. All Tier 4 – Official County Historical Societies received their requested grant award.

MOTION: (Lubrecht/Eckhart) Motion to approve the Cultural and Historic Support Grant recommendations for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. 7 in favor/0 opposed/5 abstentions (Dinnaman, Masich, Corbett, Barbour and Lewis). Motion carries (See attachment). Representative Petri was out of the room.

ABSENT: Representative Robert Matzie.

At this time, Fredrick Powell turned the meeting back over to Chairman Masich to conduct the rest of the meeting.

5. Certified Local Government Grants – Serena Bellew reported that the National Historic Preservation Act established a Certified Local Government Grant Program as a partnership between local

governments, State Historic Preservation Offices and the National Park Service. The recommended award amount is based on funding from the National Park Service's Historic Preservation Fund Grant to Pennsylvania for the operation of the State Historic Preservation Office, which requires that at least 10% of the PHF Grant award, in the amount of \$1,180,742 is passed-through to Certified Local Governments as sub grants. The SHPO recommends fully funding the top three applicants and those requests under \$5,000; for applicants seeking administrative support, the SHPO recommends awarding approximately 80% of each grant request. The required 10% minimum pass-through amount for Federal Fiscal year 2015 is \$118,174.20. Total recommended award amount is \$121,650.

MOTION: (Petri/Lewis) Motion to approve the Certified Local Government grant award recommendations as proposed by the Bureau for Historic Preservation for Federal Fiscal year 2015. 13 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstention. Motion Carries. Grant award recommendations attached. ABSENT: Representative Robert Matzie.

6. PA State Historic Preservation Office's Archive & Research Room Copy Fees – Serena Bellew reported to Commissioners that the Bureau for Historic Preservation (BHP) serves as the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and administers federal historic preservation programs on behalf of the National Park Service. Many individuals conduct research in the BHP offices and in an effort to be consistent with the State Archives Reference and Reproduction Service Fee Schedule, the SHPO recommends increasing its Archive & Research Room copy fees from \$.25 per page to \$.50 per page.

MOTION: (Petri/Lubrecht) Motion to approve the PA State Historic Preservation Office's Archives & Research Room Copy Fees as presented. 12 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstention. Motion Carries (See attachment). ABSENT: Representative Robert Matzie. Senator Andrew Dinniman was out of the room.

7. City of Bradford Historic District Act – Serena Bellew reported that staff reviewed the application materials for historic district certification under the Historic District Act as submitted by the City of Bradford, McKean County and have concluded the application to be complete and that the PHMC Policy for Determining Historical Significance of Local Historic Districts and Boundary Justification pursuant to the Pennsylvania Historic District Act has been met.

MOTION: (Petri/Eckhart) Motion to approve the Historic District Act Certification for the City of Bradford, McKean County. 13 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstention. Motion Carries (See Attachment).

ABSENT: Representative Robert Matzie.

C. State Archives

1. Update new State Archives Schematic Design – David Carmicheal reviewed drawings of the new State Archives building to PHMC Commissioners. The new building is expected to be ready for occupation early 2018. David announced that this Sunday, March 8th is Charter Day and the Archives Staff will exhibit William Penn’s Charter.

D. State Museum

Jim Vaughan reported that this year, the State Museum and Archives Complex is celebrating its 50th Anniversary. A 50th anniversary gala is scheduled on October 24, 2015.

1. Natural History & History Exhibit Plans – Renovations to Mammal Hall began in February 2015 and are expected to take several years to complete. Each diorama in Mammal Hall is based on a real location in Pennsylvania, during a specific season and at a certain time of day. The team of experts working on the dioramas has recently completed work at the American Museum of Natural History in New York. Jim invited PHMC Commissioners to view the renovations to Mammal Hall immediately following today’s meeting.

Educational programs are currently being held in the new Nature Lab on the Museum’s third floor. Dan Lynch from the PA Game Commission has volunteered to conduct programs in the lab after his retirement.

Work continues on the Pennsylvania Turnpike exhibit. This exhibit is funded largely by donations from individuals and companies interested in the history of the Pennsylvania Turnpike and will open in September 2015.

2. Collections Advancement Project – David Dunn reported that the work with the collections of the Community and Domestic Life section continues.

E. Historic Sites and Museums

1. Washington Crossing/DCNR Update – Jim Vaughan reported that PHMC continues to work with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) about the transfer of Washington Crossing Historic Park to DCNR. Jim is scheduled to meet next week with Cindy Dunn, the new Secretary of DCNR. PHMC funding for the park will end June 30, 2015 and DCNR will take over on July 1, 2015.

At this time, Guy Polhemus addressed the Commission about his concerns related to the transfer of Washington Crossing Historic Park to DCNR which include the opportunity for his friends group to become a partner of the park and voice their concerns about WCHP and how DCNR may make changes to the historic property. Serena Bellow, Director for the Bureau of Historic Preservation, explained that because WCHP has designated historic properties, DCNR will still have to ask for PHMC's opinion before undertaking any alterations.”

2. Report on Property Disposition – Howard Pollman reported that the RFI process has been completed for the following sites: French Azilum, David Bradford House, Old Mill Village, Robert Fulton Birthplace, Tuscarora Academy, Warrior Run Church and McCoy House. We hope to have legislation introduced from DGS into the House State Government Committee this spring.

3. Volunteer of the Year Resolution - William Lewis reported that this year's awards ceremony and luncheon is scheduled to be held Saturday, April 18, 2015 at the State Museum of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg. The following nominees will receive a 2014 Volunteer of the Year Award:

Frank Tartella – Anthracite Heritage Museums/Anthracite Heritage Museum & Scranton Iron Furnaces Associates
Linnell E. Trimbell – Brandywine Battlefield/Brandywine Battlefield Park Associates
Dan Balzarini – Bushy Run Battlefield/Bushy Run Battlefield Heritage Society
Roger Heim – Conrad Weiser Homestead/Friends of Conrad Weiser Homestead
Karl Karnich – Cornwall Iron Furnace/Cornwall Iron Furnace Associates
Cherylann McGuire – Daniel Boone Homestead/Friends of Conrad Weiser Homestead
Donna Webb – Drake Well Museum/Friends of Drake Well
Margie Bogash – Eckley Miners' Village/Eckley Miners' Village Associates
Martha Ros – Ephrata Cloister/Ephrata Cloister Associates
Rich Hall – Erie Maritime Museum & Flagship Niagara/Flagship Niagara League
Kevin Horan – Hope Lodge/Friends of Hope Lodge
Tom Bresenhan – Joseph Priestley House/Friends of Joseph Priestley House
Karen Gunderson – Landis Valley Village and Farm Museum/Landis Valley Associates
Linda Thomas – Old Economy Village/Friends of Old Economy Village
Ginny Hankinson – Pennsbury Manor/The Pennsbury Society

Robert Pickup Sr. – Pennsylvania Lumber Museum/Pennsylvania Lumber Museum Associates
Ron Lenox – Pennsylvania Military Museum/Friends of the Pennsylvania Military Museum
Ken Gunderson – Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania/Friends of the Railroad Museum
Irvin Fleegle – Somerset Historical Center/Historical and Genealogical Society of Somerset County
Jack Pashley – Washington Crossing Historic Park/Friends of Washington Crossing Park
Sidney M. Hostetter – State Museum of Pennsylvania/Friends of The State Museum

Outstanding Service Awards:

Gloria Meiskey – Ephrata Cloister/Ephrata Cloister Associates

David Zwick – Somerset Historical Center/Historical and Genealogical Society of Somerset County

MOTION: (Lewis/Powell) Motion to approve the Volunteer of the Year Resolutions as presented. 12 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstention. Motion Carries (See attachment). ABSENT: Representative Robert Matzie and Senator Andrew Dinniman.

4. Eckley Baseball Partnership Update – William Lewis reported that the Heritage Baseball Committee recently met with Attorney John McGee. The committee’s recommendation is subject to existing law and commonwealth policy, the Committee recommends the Commission approve a lease for up to five years with Anthracite Region Vintage Baseball Organization for the development of a vintage baseball program at Eckley Miners Village. We further recommend the details of the agreement be negotiated by PHMC staff and Anthracite.

MOTION: (Lewis/Powell) Motion to approve a lease for up to five years with automatic renewals with Anthracite Region Vintage Baseball Organization for the development of a vintage baseball program at Eckley Miners Village. 12 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstention. Motion Carries (See attachment). ABSENT: Representative Robert Matzie and Senator Andrew Dinniman.

Attorney McGee asked for clarification about the lease; if it was renewable by either party at the end of five years. Tammi Snyder-Queen said the lease is automatically renewable based on the satisfaction of performance measures that are discussed during negotiations.

5. Revisions to Audit and Financial Review Policy – Brenda Reigle reported that the Commission currently has an audit review policy in place for its “Friends” organizations. This policy requires a full audit of finances every other year. The smaller organizations have found this to be difficult based on their budgets. BHSM is recommending the Commission approve a revised Audit and Financial Review Policy. To require

PHMC's Friends organizations with annual gross revenues of more than \$100,000 but less than \$300,000 to submit and audit every five (5) years instead of every other year. Organizations must follow all 501(c)(3) requirements.

MOTION: (Petri/Powell) Motion to approve the recommended changes to the Audit and Financial Reviews of PHMC Friends Organizations as presented. 12 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstention. Motion Carries (See Attachment). ABSENT: Representative Robert Matzie and Senator Andrew Dinniman.

V. MUSEUM PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS

1. PA Museums Conference – Beth Hager announced that the State Museum will host the PA Museums statewide conference April 12 – 14, 2015 - Partners in History: Telling the Pennsylvania Story. The first round table discussion about the upcoming World War II Commemoration will take place at the conference.

VI. PENNSYLVANIA HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Heather Hu reported on the proposed bylaw amendments that will take place at the PHF meeting following the PHMC Commission meeting. The amendments would change the PHMC Executive Director and Chairman to be ex officio, non-voting members of the Foundation board as well as change the office of Secretary to an elected office. Chairman Masich was concerned with less PHMC voting representation; there was the potential for PHF to move away from supporting PHMC interests. PHF board will also vote to nominate Ann Moran and Bill Lewis for three-year terms on the board of directors as citizen members to begin at the end of their terms as PHMC Commissioners.

Due to inclement weather, the Annual Giving Circle dinner was cancelled and will be rescheduled within the next two months. The Turnpike Exhibit Project has raised \$142,000 in restricted money and is anticipating opening in September or October 2015; a private reception for those sponsors will take place.

Planning for the 50th anniversary gala scheduled to take place at the State Museum on October 24, 2015 continues.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Masich adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

20150304_1 MOTION: (Powell/Lewis) Motion to accept the minutes from the meeting on December 17, 2015. 12 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstentions. Motion carries. ABSENT: Representative Robert Matzie and Senator Andrew Dinniman.

20150304_2 MOTION: (Powell/Lewis) Motion to approve and endorse the Value of History Statement. 12 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstentions. Motion carries (See attachment). ABSENT: Representative Robert Matzie and Senator Andrew Dinniman.

20150304_3 MOTION: (Powell/Pepper) Motion to approve the historic marker nominations that are being recommended for approval. 13 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstentions. Motion carries (See attachment). ABSENT: Representative Robert Matzie

20150304_4 MOTION: (Eckhart/Dinniman) Motion to approve that the PA National Guard – Erie Armory nomination be moved under the list of provisional approval nominations. 13 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstentions. Motion carries. ABSENT: Representative Robert Matzie

20150304_5 MOTION: (Powell/Pepper) Motion to approve the PA Historic Preservation Board Resolutions as presented. 13 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstentions. Motion carries (See attachment). ABSENT: Representative Robert Matzie

20150304_6 MOTION: (Lubrecht/Eckhart) Motion to approve the Cultural and Historic Support Grant recommendations for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. 7 in favor/0 opposed/5 abstentions (Dinnaman, Masich,

Corbett, Barbour and Lewis). Motion carries (See attachment). Representative Petri was out of the room.

ABSENT: Representative Robert Matzie.

20150304_7 MOTION: (Petri/Lewis) Motion to approve the Certified Local Government grant award recommendations as proposed by the Bureau for Historic Preservation for Federal Fiscal year 2015. 13 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstention. Motion Carries (See attachment). ABSENT: Representative Robert Matzie.

20150304_8 MOTION: (Petri/Lubrecht) Motion to approve the PA State Historic Preservation Office's Archives & Research Room Copy Fees as presented. 12 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstention. Motion Carries (See attachment). ABSENT: Representative Robert Matzie. Senator Andrew Dinniman was out of the room.

20150304_9 MOTION: (Petri/Eckhart) Motion to approve the Historic District Act Certification for the City of Bradford, McKean County. 13 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstention. Motion Carries (See Attachment). ABSENT: Representative Robert Matzie.

20150304_10 MOTION: (Lewis/Powell) Motion to approve the Volunteer of the Year Resolutions as presented. 12 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstention. Motion Carries (See Attachment). ABSENT: Representative Robert Matzie and Senator Andrew Dinniman.

20150304_11 MOTION: (Lewis/Powell) Motion to approve a lease for up to five years with automatic renewals with Anthracite Region Vintage Baseball Organization for the development of a vintage baseball program at Eckley Miners Village. 12 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstention. Motion Carries (See attachment). ABSENT: Representative Robert Matzie and Senator Andrew Dinniman.

20150304_12 MOTION: (Petri/Powell) Motion to approve the recommended changes to the Audit and Financial Reviews of PHMC Friends Organizations as presented. 12 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstention. Motion Carries (See Attachment). ABSENT: Representative Robert Matzie and Senator Andrew Dinniman.