

DOWNTOWN MANCHESTER MOVEMENT STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date and Time: 9:00 AM June 07, 2019

Location: The Church @ 117

Call to order

The regular meeting of the Downtown Manchester Movement Steering Committee (DMMSC) was called to order by Chairman Steve West at 9:10 AM with the following members in attendance: Steve West, Beverly Vetter, Ray Amos, Ellen Fletcher and Katie Riddle. Absent were Allison Dotson, Bridget Anderson, Evans Baird, Ryan French, Kevin Jones, John Mancini and Mark Messick.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting (03 May, 2019) were approved.

The following items were discussed:

Courthouse lighting: Ellen Fletcher reported that Laura Gheesling was still interested in helping with improving the interior lighting at the courthouse.

Courthouse exterior painting: Volunteer Paint of Manchester submitted a bid of \$44,731.00 for scraping, preparing, and painting the exterior trim of the courthouse. Stripping, staining, and varnishing the exterior courthouse doors would be an additional \$1,277.00.

Laura Gheesling reported to Ellen that her painting contractor contact is still very interested in submitting a bid for the work and is waiting for access to the cupola before completing his bid. Steve's contact will notify him as soon as he is in the Manchester area to assess the Courthouse condition and scope of work.

Fountain repair and maintenance: Ellen was unable to contact Sherriff Partin to ask if the sheriff's department is responsible for the maintenance of the fountain, but Ray spoke with former sheriff, Steve Graves who said that the fountain maintenance had been returned to the authority of the county.

General discussion of courthouse repairs and maintenance: Ray suggested speaking with Judge Vanessa Jackson to enlist her help with the County Commission. Ellen suggested having our state representative or a state historian speak to the county commission about the value of the Courthouse to local and state history.

Beverly will contact Laura Todd and/or Nancy Williams to investigate the possibility of a grant from the state to help with the cost of painting.

Upcoming events:

The Ice Cream Social and Grand opening of the Joanna Lewis Museum of Coffee County History on July 04 at 4PM:

It was decided to rent a tent (possibly two tents) and chairs to be set up on the Courthouse lawn in case of extreme heat or other inclement weather. Fans may be rented as needed. Entertainer, Tom Foolery will entertain the crowd and music will be broadcast over a PA system. The Manchester Tourism Board will reimburse this committee for any expenses. Katie Riddle offered the ribbon and scissors from the Chamber of Commerce for the grand opening of the museum.

Due to the holiday, there will be no July meeting of this committee. The next meeting is August 09, 2019 at 9 AM at The Church@117.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 on a motion by Beverly Vetter, seconded by Ray Amos.