

## Cayce Historical Museum Commission

**April 3, 2024**

### Meeting Minutes

The April 3, 2024 meeting of the Cayce Historical Museum Commission (CHMC) was held in the Cayce Visitors Center. The meeting was convened at 4:01pm by Chair James Stewart. The following individuals attended the meeting:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Status</b>
James Stewart	Chair
Pamela Sulton	Vice Chair
Marcy Hayden	Secretary
Archie Moore	Commissioner
A.G. Dantzler	Commissioner
Charlita Earle	Commissioner (absent)
Garrett Creasman	Commissioner (absent)
Mary Sharp	Commissioner
David Brinkman	Commissioner
Andy Thomas	Cayce Museum Curator
Elizabeth Lumsden	Cayce Museum Assistant

#### **Upcoming Events:**

April 6th-Tartan Day South  
 April 20th-Beeswax Candle Making Activity 9am  
 Cayce Legends Event-TBA

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**Invocation:** Commissioner Dantzler

#### **Action Items:**

Donation Review  
 Strategic Planning Document Review  
 Historic Preservation Planning and Goals Discussion

#### **March Meeting Minutes:**

The Commission reviewed the previous meeting minutes. Vice Chair Sulton motioned that the meeting minutes be accepted with change to date. Commissioner Sharp seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

## **Museum Staff Report**

Tartan Day South-Colonial Day was held on April 6th and was well attended. There were 16 participant organizations. Commissioners Brickman and Sulton volunteer along with Chair Stewart.

The African American Committee is working on the Cayce Legends Reception and event. The date is being finalized.

Repair work is ongoing for the Main building with windows being installed starting in March through June and the Public Safety building has been painted. Chair Stewart asked about touring the outbuildings and how tours will be handled now that this exhibit is reopening. Mr. Thomas stated that he offers tours as visitors request them. Some discussion took place among Commissioners offering suggestions of creating a schedule for tours i.e. tours each day at 10am and 2pm for out buildings or a “request a tour” option on website..

The Confederate money exhibit is still a work in progress and will include other Confederate items from our collections. This should be finalized in June. Additionally, Mr. Thomas along with Chair Stewart will have a “review exhibition” policy created which would streamline process and include processes for designing, building, and displaying exhibits in the future.

The Columbia Airport Exhibit is moving forward and will include history of the airport from military beginnings, commercial airport, and from 1967 to present day. Ms. Lumdsen is working with Columbia Airport to secure items for display and market the event. Mr. Thomas and Ms. Lumdsen visited the airport to learn more about the history and shared that the movie “A Guy Called Joe” was filmed there in the 1940’s and starred famous actor, Spencer Tracy.

The staff scheduled events targeting school age children, homeschoolers and families. March 16th staff made pinch pots with children and on April 20th the staff plans to make beeswax candles. Commissioner Hayden conducted a Native American pottery demonstration on March 9th at the museum which included creating a piece of pottery.

Staff and Commissioners attended the Soiree on State Street event where they did pinch pots and signed up volunteers.

Planning has started on the 160th Anniversary of the Battle of Congaree Creek which will be on February 15th, 2025. Mr. Thomas is working with reenactors to plan a tour during this time. More details will follow.

New federal guidelines have been issued regarding the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act which will require a detailed inventory of Native American items housed in the Museum’s collections. This is going to be an intensive process that Staff has determined will need volunteers. Commissioners are encouraged to contact Mr. Thomas to help with reviewing the almost 8000 individual Native American Indian items. This process will include assistance from the South Carolina Department of Anthropology and Archaeology as the state liaison to the federal government. Inventory will need to be reviewed, categorized and a summary report

created. Additional discussion regarding concerns about past items and inventory in collections held by Commissioners.

### **Donations**

No updates at this time.

### **Strategic Planning**

No updates at this time.

### **Ongoing Business:**

#### **Historic Preservation**

Sub-Committee Assignments (Assignment table to be provided to Commissioners):

- Goal 1: Develop a community-inclusive historic preservation plan.
  1. Develop a comprehensive site list. (All Commissioners)
  2. Identify funding, grants, tax incentives and rules (Chair Stewart and Commissioner Hayden)
  3. Monitor ongoing risks to historic preservation (All Commissioners-Lead Commissioner Moore)
  4. Provide ongoing education for commission members on relevant issues (Chair Stewart, Vice Chair-Sulton, Commissioner Hayden and Staff)
  5. Ensure community accessibility and participation in historic preservation (All Commissioners (Section A), Staff (Section B through C))
- Goal 2: Cultivate stewardship of historic resources through active community engagement.
  1. Attract an increased number of site visitors that will set a baseline for future planning. (Section A -C: Vice Chair Sulton, Commissioner Sharp and Moore)(Section D-F: Staff, Commissioner Creasman and Earle)
  2. Engage potential visitors through off-site events (Added to Object 1, Section A-C)
  3. Audit and create communication tools (Section A-C: Staff, Commissioner Creasman and Earle ) (Section D-F: Staff and Commissioner Hayden)
  4. Ensure community accessibility and participations in historic preservation (Staff, All)

Historic Preservation Assignments:

- Commissioners provide a list of places and place names important to save/share history in Cayce

#### **Old State Road NRHP Nomination**

No updates at this time.

**Additional Business:**

With no other business on the meeting agenda, Commissioner Sharp motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Sulton seconded the motion and the Commission voted to adjourn the meeting at **5:08PM**.