

Minutes of the October 27, 2025 OVIS Meeting

Those in attendance were: Brian Smith, Jim Wiesner, Julie Longen, Chris Clement, Ron Girard, Barry Salus, Sue White, Todd Guarino, and Skip LeFleur.

The meeting was convened at 7 PM at Molly Goodhead's second-floor room.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Jim provided the Treasurer's Report and reviewed the expenses and revenues for the past month. He indicated the current balance available is \$19,567.70. With \$9,090.00 of that collected for the Hall Improvement Fund.

The next item was the Hall Improvement Project. Todd presented this item. He indicated that the building contractor has agreed to manage the full project, including the project plans and engineering to complete the project. This will make it easier for OVIS to manage the project. The State funding available that is assigned to the project is \$389,500. Todd distributed a copy of the updated project definition. This includes the relocating of the hall to the east on the property. The hall would then be elevated by 4 feet. Once this is done, Improvements to the hall can then be initiated. Todd is working with the State contact, so that the project can be billed by OVIS as the project proceeds. OVIS will need to approve the final project definition to initiate this process of reimbursement. (On October 29 the OVIS Board approved this updated project definition by email vote).

Brian then reported on the Holiday Golf Cart Parade event, which is set for Sunday, December 14. He indicated the County permit has been applied for and the event insurance has been obtained. The agreement with the Sheriff for traffic management is set up too. He indicated the total cost is approximately \$1,400 for everything. It was agreed the donation for cart participation should continue to be \$20 online or \$30 in cash at the event. The website will now be updated with the current information and provision for donation to the event. Brian noted that County Commissioner Dave Eggers will be participating in the event.

Brian then reported on the Potluck event, which is set for Monday, December 8. Since the Hall is not available, the Ozona Brewery Company has agreed to provide its facility as a gathering place, since they would normally be closed on Mondays. The OVIS Board is very appreciative to Derek and Courtney Klein for providing the opportunity for the community to gather in the traditional way. This would include people in the community bringing potluck dishes, and participation by the restaurants with donations of their signature food. There will be more information on this in the upcoming newsletter.

The group then proceeded to have a discussion on the Hall Improvement Fundraiser that is set for Saturday, February 7, the day before the Super Bowl. Barry has become the point person for this event, which will be hosted by OVIS. A good discussion followed about the importance of this event and how to accomplish it on an affordable basis. The group began to define through conversation the logistics of the event. To tie things down, the group approved the purchase of a permit for February 7 at Pop Stansel Park. Barry agreed to document the logistics that have been talked about, which he would send to the Board for more refinement at the next meeting.

The group then proceeded to discuss a logo for OVIS. Ron had produced some nice graphics to consider. They were circulated at the meeting. It was agreed to have more conversation at the next meeting. It was noted that Lori Krout had also done work on this.

Jim highlighted that Terry Fortner had made a request that a volunteer from OVIS go through several boxes that are at the Museum containing materials from the Hall that were in storage while the Hall is reworked. Sue agreed to do that.

Brian noted the Holiday newsletter would be sent out later in November. It would highlight the upcoming events that have been talked about.

It was agreed the next meeting would be set for Monday, November 17.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8 PM.