

**COMMISSION ON THE OHIO JUDICIAL CENTER
MINUTES**

**September 5, 2012
Supreme Court of Ohio**

Members Present: Chad Readler (Chair); Richard Wallace (Vice-Chair); Mick Ball; Rich Simpson; Barbara Powers; Marilyn Sheridan (telephone); Neema Bell (telephone); Jacki Nance (telephone) Mary Gray.

Others Present: D. Allan Asbury (Supreme Court), Mindi Wells (Supreme Court), Steve Hollon (Supreme Court)

1. Mr. Readler called the meeting of the Commission to order at 11:05 a.m.
2. The minutes of the June 5, 2012 meeting were approved.
3. Update on the Moyer Portrait Display. Allan Asbury reported that when the plaque was ordered in July would take six weeks to manufacture. He indicated the same company that is manufacturing the plaque will also complete the installation.
4. Committee Reports:

Civic Education: Chris Davey and the committee discussed their respective roles. He understood that he was the primary source of information and would use the committee as a resource on an as needed basis. Wallace will reach out to Davey to see if there is anything that may require attention the attention of the committee.

Forum on the Law: At last meeting in June, the idea to combine the Civic Education and Forum on the Law was discussed. Readler proposed the idea to merge committees the two in the future.

Architectural Committee: Barb Powers reviewed the previous discussions for a symposium on courthouse architecture.

Fine Art: Mary Gray introduced two pieces from the Zanesville Museum of Art. Both pieces are from Ohio artists. One piece is from Karl Kappes. Another piece is from Vearl Wince. The committee recommended approval of the two paintings.

Rich Simpson asked questions about the two year loan period. Mary Gray indicated the two year period was very standard.

Chad Readler reviewed the procedure to accept loaned artwork.

Jakki Nance volunteered to work with Chris Davey to provide additional press coverage of the acceptance of the paintings. A discussion was held concerning press releases for local media in the areas the paintings originated.

The paintings will be included in the on-line art catalogue.

The vote to accept the loaned paintings was unanimous.

Communication: The committee will strengthen communication efforts by working with the Supreme Court public information office. Jacki Nance wondered with the Forum on the Law was being covered by the public information office. Mindi Wells indicated the article online was the second most clicked article on the Court's website.

5. **State Architect position:** Asbury reviewed his discussion with Lane Beougher. The position was changed to a staff position within the state facilities commission. Beougher was to be assigned to a specific position. No one will be assigned as a State Architect. OJC Rule 36 states that a person will be appointed by the State Architect. An amendment of the rule in the Building and Grounds Regulations will be required. He mentioned that Beougher was still interested serving on the Commission.

Wallace mentioned that the Commission should investigate the new facilities commission as to its make-up.

Readler asked Hollon about the thought process behind appointing someone from the State Architect's office. Hollon responded that the idea was that the focus of the Commission and Foundation was largely related to the art and architecture of the Ohio Judicial Center. The State Architect was to be involved because of that focus.

Ball mentioned that the Commission maintain a position from the new facilities commission.

Readler called for discussion of the issue.

Readler asked for a motion from the Commission on the issue of amending the regulations to permit the inclusion of a new designee from the facilities construction commission.

Simpson made a motion to amend OJC Regulation 36 to include the facilities construction commission, or the appropriate agency, as a substitution for the State Architect. Barb Powers seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Asbury is to investigate the appropriate agency for the new appointment.

6. **Courts Historical Society.** Readler asked whether it made sense for the commissioners to contact the Justices who appointed them to reaffirm the Court's direction to the Commission.

Hollon discussed the role of the Commission/Foundation as a possible conduit for a "historical society". Hollon described a project currently driven by a workgroup of the Ohio State Bar Association concerning a historical society for Ohio courts.

Simpson asked whether it made sense for the Commission to appoint a liaison to the historical society.

Readler asked whether someone from the courts historical society should be invited to speak to the Commission.

Simpson agreed to find a presenter for the December 5, 2012 meeting.

7. The meeting adjourned at 12:00.

Respectfully submitted,

D. Allan Asbury
Secretary