RESOLUTION

Establishing the Cuyahoga County Bicentennial Advisory Committee, effective October 4, 2007.

WHEREAS, on February 8, 1808 the Sixth General Assembly of the State of Ohio approved the establishment of Cuyahoga County, effective June 7, 1808. Thus 2008 will mark the bicentennial of the legislative creation of Cuyahoga County. The first meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio took place on June 6, 1810. An advisory committee created to commemorate these events will insure that the County’s Bicentennial is recognized and celebrated throughout the County.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, that the Cuyahoga County Bicentennial Advisory Committee be, and the same is, hereby established.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board be, and she is, hereby instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Lee Trotter, Deputy County Administrator.

On Motion of Commissioner Dimora, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

Ayes: Dimora, Jones, Hagan.

Nays: None.

Resolution Adopted.

Jeanne M. Schmotzer,
Clerk of the Board

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October 30, 2007

Dr. Judith Cetina
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Dear Judith:

In 2008, Cuyahoga County will be celebrating a milestone: it’s bicentennial! As the County prepares to mark this significant occasion and take pride in its accomplishments over the past 200 years, we will also direct our attention to future endeavors, knowing, from past experience, that working together will be the key to our continued success.

Earlier this year, a Bicentennial Steering Committee was formed, and its leadership has been busy establishing goals and a theme for the County’s bicentennial: Celebrating our past and looking to the future! We believe it is important that the community be involved in the planning of our bicentennial events and believe that your expertise and knowledge would be of immense value in ensuring their success.

We are, therefore, requesting that you consider participating as a member of the Bicentennial Advisory Committee. The panel will work closely with the Bicentennial Steering Committee in the planning, development and execution of events throughout the year.

Please plan on attending an organizational meeting of the Bicentennial Advisory Committee:

Tuesday, November 13, 2007
9:00 -10:30 a.m.
County Archives
2905 Franklin Boulevard
FREE PARKING IS AVAILABLE

Please RSVP to Michelle Oakar no later than November 7, 2007. If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact her at 216-443-8158. We do hope that you will be able to join our bicentennial team.

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festivals and other events. The question was raised regarding how an organization or institution might request use of the exhibit, and Dr. Cetina suggested that interested parties should contact Lenay Stevers, the Archives Administrative Assistant, to reserve the exhibition for their venue and make arrangements for its transport.

Dr. Cetina then posed the question of whether to publish, or not publish, a County History as part of the Bicentennial observation; and the Committee answered in the affirmative. Lee Trotter then recommended that a Sub Committee be created to explore this proposal, and with the assent of the Advisory Committee one was duly established. Dr. Cetina offered to chair this group; and she asked Dr. Marian Morton and Dr. Gladys Haddad to serve on this Committee. Tom Ford also expressed his interest in participating.

As part of the meeting’s updates much information was exchanged about the use of flags and banners to proclaim the County’s Bicentennial and various alternatives were considered and left for ongoing discussion. Joni Mihelich announced that she and Madeline Brookshire had organized a lecture series to feature local authors and historians speaking about various aspects of Cuyahoga County History. The talks would be given at the various branches in the County Library System. Ms. Mihelich added that book marks were also being produced for distribution that would list a series of Cuyahoga County “Firsts.” Craig Strong recommended asking John Dailey, Professional Land Surveyor, as a possible speaker; and Dr. Cetina agreed to extend the invitation to Mr. Dailey.

The discussion then turned to already established summer events, including Parade the Circle, the Grand Prix of Cleveland, Wade Oval Wednesdays, the 4th of July Celebration & Fireworks Display in the Flats, the Ingenuity Festival of Industry and Science, the Cleveland National Air Show, etc., that might offer opportunities for celebrating the County’s Bicentennial; and Michelle Oakar agreed to chair a sub committee that would explore these options and offer specific recommendations for appropriate celebratory festivities.

Some consideration was then given by the Committee to ways of promoting the Bicentennial initiatives, including the production of video presentations that might be aired locally, and the idea of preparing a series of thirty second Bicentennial Minutes that could be broadcast by area TV stations. It was agreed that research needed to be done regarding the cost of air time for these promotions.

Another recommendation was to inquire about the development of interactive kiosks by Cleveland State University as part of the Euclid Corridor Project. Dr. Cetina volunteered to make the initial contact.
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BICENTENNIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 9, 2008

The Cuyahoga County Bicentennial Advisory Committee met on Tuesday December 9, 2008 at the Cuyahoga County Archives on Franklin Boulevard. Dr. Cetina called the meeting to order at approximately 9:05 a.m.; and the Committee turned its attention to a series of updates regarding projects planned for 2009. As Tom Ford, who is spearheading the Roots Music Initiative, was not present, a consideration of that activity was postponed until the January 2009 meeting. The next item of business was an update on the Bicentennial Quilt Competition. Several queries were raised, including questions about the criteria that would serve as guideline for the contest. It was suspected, however, that the Park System’s annual quilt competition would serve as a model for the Bicentennial endeavor. Others sought confirmation that the crafters would indeed create an entire quilt that would be the object of a raffle. But it was finally concluded that as the women from Abigail’s would be present at the Bicentennial Committee’s January meeting, all inquiries about the Bicentennial Quilt be addressed at that time.

The Committee next considered the Cuyahoga County Fair Exhibition Programs with some enthusiasm; but needed to determine whether enough interest existed to make these demonstrations a reality. Michelle wisely recommended that one person volunteer to become the point person for this activity. It was clear that several ethnic groups had already pledged to participate including the Irish (Regina Costello), the Hispanic, Asian, and Ukrainian communities (Michelle Okar Adams), the Jewish community (Sean Martin, Western Reserve Historical Society), and African Americans (also Western Reserve Historical Society). Michelle Day reported having contacted the Hungarians, Judy Cetina had exchanged e-mails with a spokesperson from the aren’s Croatsnians, and Joni Mihelich reported ongoing conversations with the Slovenians. In preparation for the upcoming meeting Committee members who had committed to communicate with additional ethnic groups (Native Americans and Greeks, for example) were to be reminded to do so before January 13th. Greg Siek and Nick Willis also provided helpful advice regarding the Fair venues that might best showcase the ethnic performances; and they suggested that singing groups and dance troupes would provide a greater entertainment experience than displays or lectures.

Judy Cetina had good news to report regarding the Bicentennial Lecture Series to be held at the Cuyahoga County Archives. Joan Southgate would be the inaugural speaker on Sunday, January 25th, speaking about the Underground Railroad. Other scheduled programs include a talk about Abraham Lincoln by Mel Maurer on February 15th, and a presentation by Dr. Gladys Haddad, introduced by Marian Morton, on Flora Stone Mather, on March 15th. The Committee suggested that Judy place information about the lectures on the Bicentennial Page and the Home Page of the County’s web site; and also have Rosemarie DeJohn send a blast e-mail to all County employees about the lecture scheduled for January 25th.
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Judy next addressed the Bicentennial Video and summarized her meeting with staff from the Information Services Center (ISC). Greg Wilson of the ISC presented Judy with a revised copy of the original script; most of the changes a result of the need to curtail the length of the video. He asked Judy to review those revisions and to eliminate any additional text not absolutely necessary to convey the story of Cuyahoga County. Judy explained to the Committee that she had eliminated superfluous verbiage and returned the further amended script to the ISC. The next step involved the creation of a new “scratch” track; one that involves a reading of the text to ascertain its length. Thus, according to Judy, the video project was ongoing and making progress.

Under the category of other business Tim Daley spoke on behalf of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument Commission, announcing the celebration of Memorial Day on the traditional date, May 30th; with activities scheduled for that day on the northwest corner of the Monument. In addition Tim called attention to a Flag Day Ceremony on June 12th, with a descendant of Betsy Ross as speaker. Finally, the rededication of the Monument was set for July 4, 2010. Finally, Tim described for the members the Monument Commission’s exhibit showcase displayed in the BP Building and reported the attendance of 300 visitors.

Other items discussed included the possibility of scheduling children’s activities at events like Parade the Circle; with the use of coloring sheets reflecting images of the Bicentennial that the youngsters could fill in with crayons. Judy also reminded the Committee that Joan Southgate would be the inaugural speaker for the Bicentennial Lecture Series, speaking on the Underground Railroad in northeastern Ohio on Sunday, January 25, 2009, at the Cuyahoga County Archives. According to Judy the February program would be on Abraham Lincoln presented by Mel Maurer; and Gladys Haddad, introduced by Marian Morton, would speak about Flora Stone Mather in March to celebrate Women’s History Month. Michelle Adams recommended that a program about the recovery of Cuyahoga’s “burning” river would be a good topic for April, in honor of Earth Day; and other recommendations were made for topics related to the green movement. Tim Daley promised to seek out speakers for a program on Euclid Beach, perhaps for May or June.

The Committee then agreed to meet next on February 10, 2009 at 9 a.m. in the Archives building. There being no further business to consider the meeting was adjourned at about 10:45 a.m. by the unanimous consent of those present.
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I will be happy to gather all of the information and statistics you have requested as soon as possible.

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Hello Bonnie:

To respond to your first question I have attached copies of flyers, or other written descriptions, for each of the programs in the Bicentennial/Archives Lecture series, ones that include the names of the speakers, the titles of the program, and the dates of the presentation. I will answer your other inquiries in a separate communication.

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Dear Bonnie:

Here are the additional responses you requested. First, the attendance at the lectures have ranged from as few as a dozen to more than seventy persons. The series allows our office to engage in community outreach, acquainting a wider audience, unable to visit the Archives during normal business hours because of their work schedules, with the records and resources the Archives offers to Cuyahoga County residents as well as those who live beyond northeastern Ohio. Some of the attendees have even expressed in interest in volunteering for the Archives. The informative talks also provide a general public interested in local history an opportunity to attend a free event that educates and entertains.

In the past, when the Archives had weekend security assigned to the Rhodes House, there was no additional charge for Protective Services Personnel. But as the building is without on site security from 3 p.m. Friday to 7 a.m. on Monday, the services of an officer for the Sunday Lecture are charged back to the Archives; unless the job is filled by a "floater" who is already being paid for his or her shift.

The opportunity to assist at the Sunday lectures is offered to all members (four individuals in addition to me) of the staff. They receive compensatory time for their hours of service. They must use this time within a specific date frame, and if not utilized the employees receive compensation as part of their bi-weekly pay. I believe it is given at the rate of time and a half. The staff greets the public, finds seating for audience members, assists in set up for any audio visual equipment, prepares the refreshments and coffee/tea (donated by the staff), answers any questions about the Robert Russell Rhodes House or regarding the Archives hours of operation or records of interest in its holdings, and assists in clean up so that the space is ready the next day's work.

Turning to the book signing event, each of the Cuyahoga County books has a sale price of $21.99. The County will receive a royalty of 8% per copy sold as outlined in the agreement with Arcadia. I can provide you with a copy of that document if you wish. The royalties will be paid by check unless a request is made for a direct deposit. I have attached a copy of the form for your review. The books to be sold at the signing will be provided by Appletree Books in Cleveland Heights. As a resident of that community I will pick up the books, bring them to the Archives, and a staff member with prior experience as a book store owner will handle the sale. Immediately after the program I will return the books to Appletree with all funds received. I will ask the owner of the store to present me with a receipt establishing that all unsold stock has been returned, and that all collected monies have been returned to the book shop.

The Cuyahoga County Archives is open to the public on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. On Tuesdays the Archives is closed to the public, and the staff uses this opportunity to devote uninterrupted time to other projects that cannot be completed on days when the staff is on call for customer assistance to visitors. Researchers include architects, attorneys, authors, county employees, genealogists, historians and other scholars, preservation officers, students, and interested members of the general public. Looking at our statistics for March, as an example, 100 persons came to the Archives to conduct research, and 137 requests were received by phone, e-mail, U.S. mail and fax.

The Archives staff is not eligible for overtime, but can receive compensatory time for additional hours worked. I can accrue exchange time, but if not used within a prescribed period of time the hours are simply lost. I cannot be paid for that time. Urgent requests for information from county officials may be received toward the end of
the day and staff might work extra time to locate the required hours. An individual staff member may be required to devote multiple hours while assisting a researcher, thus temporarily setting aside a project with a deadline for its completion. The person may remain beyond normal business hours to finish the assignment in a timely fashion. The Archives staff is not only engaged in research and reference, as records management is another of the important services provided to Cuyahoga County. According to a new ordinance I am the public records manager, assisted by the staff, and we are engaged in the creation and revision of retention schedules, the review of certificates of disposition, the education of county employees regarding sound records management principles, the calling and conducting of Records Commission meetings (I have been appointed by Executive FitzGerald as his designee on the Commission and thus serve as the acting chairman), and the preparation of minutes and resolutions for those meetings. These responsibilities represent another demand on the time of the staff. It should be added that in a broader sense records management also applies to the work performed in maintaining the stack areas, the allocation of space for accessioned records, and the compilation and input of data into an accession log, as well as the ongoing maintenance of the Archives shelf list. The staff also works with a loyal group of committed volunteers, overseeing their activities and assisting them whenever necessary.

I hope I have been able to answer all of the questions you raised in a satisfactory manner.

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On 9/9/2011 at 2:57 PM, in message <4EBA8768.C582.0063.0@cuyahogacounty.us>, Judy Cetina <jctina@cuyahogacounty.us> wrote:

Dear Bonnie:

Earlier this year I responded to some of the questions you had regarding the Archives lecture series. When I did not hear from you again I assumed that you had not objections to this public service activity and I proceeded to plan for the Fall programs. Sonya Horstman has already agreed to speak on September 25th, and Cathie Clarger and Rita Wolansky, both retired teachers, will present a multi media presentation on women in the Civil War. This is particularly relevant as the nation is commemorating the sesquicentennial of that War. And in November Judge Bert Griffin and President of County Council, Judge Ellen Connally, will talk about the Kennedy Assassination.

It is my understanding that an officer who is already assigned for duty on Sundays will provide security for the lecture; and the amount paid, for four to five hours, based on an hourly rate, would be less than $100.00. The staff members who assist with the Sunday program receive compensatory time for their assistance; and no time is taken away from the tasks they perform during the week. Not all staff members are present for each lecture; and those who attend greet visitors, make certain the guests sign in, direct them to the rest rooms, and answer any questions they may have about the Cuyahoga County Archives or its holdings. At the end of the program the room used for the lecture is restored to its normal order so that business can proceed the next morning.

As I believe you are aware, the speakers do not receive remuneration for the speaking engagement, and the least the Archives staff can do is provide them with some light refreshments to thank them for their commitment of time and talent. Many guests will stay after the talk to enjoy cookies and coffee and to engage in conversation with the speaker. No County funds are used to pay for the pastries, coffee, or juice; and I am happy to provide them, as are members of the staff. And volunteers, at their own behest, bring treats to share as well. We are extending simple hospitality; in the same way that one offers a visitor to his or her home something to eat or drink.

The County provides services to its residents at a variety of levels; and the lectures are intended to inform and educate those who are interested in the history of our region. Although the series had its genesis in the celebration of the County's Bicentennial, those who attended the talks found them so beneficial that the decision was made to continue them in response to popular demand. The lectures also provide an opportunity for those unfamiliar with the work of the Archives to visit the Rhodes House and
become better acquainted with our location and the extent of our archival holdings.

I hope I have responded to the questions that you raised. Please let me know if you have further inquiries or if I can provide additional information. Thanks; and have a great weekend.

Regards,

Judy

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before we move forward on this, I would like to discuss in more detail.

Cost of security? Time away from weekly operations to accommodate the weekend hours.

I wouldn't serve refreshments. even if Judy donates them.

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On 9/9/2011 at 9:43 AM, in message <4E6A181C.B61 : 80 : 1174>, Judy Cetina <jctetina@cuyahogacounty.us> wrote:

Hi Stan:

The Archives Lecture Series will begin with a presentation by Sonya Horstman, also known as Psychic Sonya, on "Cemeteries of Northern Ohio. The program begins at 2 p.m. on Sunday, September 25th. I have already requested that a Protective Services officer be stationed at the Archives from 12 Noon until 4:30 p.m. The staff arrives early to set up the refreshments and make any other necessary preparations for the talk. I have also sent an e-mail to Nicole Dailey Jones about the Lecture Series.

I will prepare an announcement about the program to be forwarded to all Cuyahoga County employees in a blast e-mail. I have attached a copy of the flyer to this e-mail. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

Judy

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for the Bicentennial celebration in its annual 4th of July Concert on Public Square, scheduled to be held July 2nd. Dr. Cetina inquired about the earlier idea of having several large birthday cakes available for sharing by those attending the Cleveland Orchestra Concert; and Michelle responded that the events sub committee had thought it more appropriate to have several cakes, perhaps donated by area bakeries, on hand for those attending various home days or festivals, sponsored by local communities throughout the summer months, to enjoy. Conversations were also underway with Lolly the Trolley to arrange for specialized Bicentennial tours, including one, for example, that would reflect the ethnic diversity of Cuyahoga County. Michelle mentioned, as well, that RTA had agreed to reflect the Bicentennial Logo and other related themes on its bus passes issued for the month of July. Michelle further noted that in August the Bicentennial would be commemorated at the Cuyahoga County Fair, with an “Olympic Event” of some sort incorporated as part of the Opening Day ceremonies.

Members of the Advisory Committee also offered suggestions regarding potential events; including John Dailey’s suggestion that the County could cooperate with the Professional Land Surveyor’s group by planning activities that could coincide with the organization’s conference scheduled for September 11-13, at Hale Farm and Village. The year 2009 also provided further possibilities for the Bicentennial initiative, with the rededication of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument on July 4th; and the meeting of the Czech Slovak Genealogical Society at the Holiday Inn on Rockside, with over 300 people expected to attend this September 2009 event.

Discussion turned to the Publication Sub Committee and Judith Cetina, Chair, reported that the group met, and charged her with preparing a prospectus for a proposed book in the history of the County. Dr. Cetina added that Tom Ford was investigating funding for this publication and might have more to report at the March meeting.

Judy Cetina also addressed the next item on the Agenda and described her discussions with Professors Mark Tebeau and Mark Souther of Cleveland State University in regard to ways in which the Bicentennial initiative might cooperate with the effort to document the Euclid Corridor project. Dr. Tebeau and Dr. Souther are making use of Omeka, a system for use by cultural institutions and individuals to manage and publish collections and exhibitions on the web. Dr. Tebeau set up an account in Dr. Cetina’s name to access the images currently on the site to illustrate the Euclid Corridor; and thought that Cleveland State University and the County might utilize Omeka to exchange historical images and information that be advantageous to both parties.

Under the agenda item Other Updates Judith Cetina relayed to the Committee a conversation she had with Chris Hagan from the Information Services Center about creating a video designed to inform the community about the Bicentennial and regarding the records in the County Archives that are available to document this important event.
designated county flower; and Dr. Cetina offered to contact Chad Malkamaki of the Western Reserve Historical Society to determine if this supposition might be documented in the records of the County Centennial. Finally Michelle reported that she, Tom Ford, and Lee Trotter had met with Glazen Productions to explore preparing a video on the County Bicentennial. Dr. Cetina added that she had also discussed the possibility of such a video with Chris Hagan of the ISC; one that would focus on the Archives as the repository that represents 200 hundred years of Cuyahoga County history. It was determined that investigating both options would not be counterproductive.

Judy Cetina, publications sub committee chairperson, informed the Committee that she had prepared a prospectus that was ready for submission to potential publishers. Dr. Cetina agreed to send the prospectus to David Gray Publishing in Cleveland, OH; and members of the Advisory group also suggested contacting Great Lakes Publishing and Right Up Media. Lee Trotter recommended that the publications group also consider utilizing the technology of the twenty-first century to make a county history available online. Tom Ford then described the grant he had submitted to the Cuyahoga Arts and Culture Board for funds to support an education heritage project; and he suggested that there might be money, within this larger initiative, to support the publication of a county history.

Representatives from the Cuyahoga County Library system were not present to provide an update on the Bicentennial Speakers Series; and so Dr. Cetina proceeded to a review of the bicentennial web site. Ideas for expanding the content of the web site included a request to include a calendar of events, one that would highlight upcoming festivities and track the location of the traveling exhibit; and Michelle asked that a link be added for Community Activities. It was anticipated that the letter from the Commissioners being directed to all of the Mayors and Managers throughout the County would encourage local communities to incorporate the Bicentennial as part of regularly scheduled summer events; and that those planned activities should be posted on the web site. Dr. Cetina asked the Advisory Committee members should send all information to be posted on the site to her attention; and she would forward them to the Information Services Center.

The discussion then turned to the subject of Outreach; and Dr. Cetina reported that she would be speaking to the Greater Cleveland Genealogical Society about the County’s Bicentennial. She mentioned, as well, that she and members of her staff had participated in Statehood Day in Columbus, Ohio, and used the opportunity to discuss the County’s Bicentennial.

Lee Trotter addressed the Legacy Projects that he hoped would result from the Bicentennial observation; and he proposed the inauguration of an annual Forum, one that would offer life long learning opportunities for our youth as well as for the adult population. Each Forum could be focused on a specific theme, and should reflect an ongoing concern for our earth, its natural resources, and environment.