

BERKLEY HISTORICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Members Present: J. Tong (Vice Chair/Curator), J. Harlan (Secretary), Staff Liaison R. Patterson, S. Patterson, K. Grimm, S. Hansen, D. Callihan, G. Rubright, M.C. Mueller, K. McDaid, J. Weidman, City Council Liaison S. Baker

Members Absent: S. Richardson (Chair)

1. **Call to Order:** J. Tong called the meeting to order at approximately 7:04 pm.
2. **Agenda / Citizen Comments:** S. Hansen moved to approve the agenda. J. Weidman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without further discussion. There were no citizen comments made.
3. **City Council Liaison Report:** City Council Liaison S. Baker reported the following:
 - a. Former Historical Committee member Clarence Black has returned from military duty.
 - b. The proclamation declaring May to be Berkley History Month has passed.
4. **Prior Meeting's Minutes:** G. Rubright moved to approve the prior meeting's minutes. R. Patterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without further discussion.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer K. Grimm reported a prior balance of \$16,217.15. Expenditures and income are enumerated below:
 - a. Expenditures: Hunt Sign - \$185.00
TOTAL \$185.00
 - b. Income: Museum donations / merchandise sales - \$61.75\$16,093.90 was reported as the month ending balance.
6. **Curator's Report:** Curator J. Tong reported the following:
 - The Historical Committee has a new display at the Berkley Public Library. K. McDaid and S. Hansen have filled it with children's books and toys.
 - Two new magnets are available at the museum.
 - The museum has new business cards.

OLD BUSINESS

7. **Scavenger Hunt:** J. Harlan reported that the Berkley Historical Committee Scavenger Hunt was ready to launch on Wednesday, May 13th, and that he would set up the clues at each location before then. These clues, designed by R. Patterson, were passed around.
8. **Berkley Historical Museum Lecture Series:** D. Callihan reported that he got Margie Caplan to lecture on the Berkley Theater in October and Bob Williams to lecture on Harsen's Island on December 18th.
9. **Pattengill Plaque:** D. Callihan reported that the unveiling of the plaque at Pattengill's ice cream social will coincide with the Wittenberg event. J. Weidman volunteered to accompany D. Callihan at the unveiling ceremony.
10. **Berkley Days:** J. Tong reported that Denise needs 2 more photos for the last 2 unsold spots in Berkley Monopoly, and if the Berkley Theater is not ready for Berkley Days, the Community Center will be used instead.
11. **Rogers School Visit:** Students from Rogers Elementary School are scheduled to tour the museum on Friday, May 12th. A sign-up sheet was passed around for the event.

NEW BUSINESS

12. **Gifts to the Museum:** Curator J. Tong reported that we received no gifts.
13. **Art Bash:** J. Tong said he would pass around a sign-up sheet for the event at the next meeting. S. Hansen moved to change the price of the Berkley Theater marquee ornament that is to be sold at the Berkley Art Bash. K. Grimm seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without further discussion.
14. **Next Committee Meeting:** The next Berkley Historical Committee meeting will take place in the upstairs conference room of the Public Safety Building on Tuesday, June 9th at 7:00 pm. The museum shift sign-up calendar was passed around.
15. **Adjournment:** S. Hansen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:46 pm. D. Callihan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without further discussion.

Minutes submitted by J. Harlan.