



West Chester Historical Commission Meeting

401 East Gay Street, West Chester, PA 19380

Room 232 – Borough Hall

June 26, 2025 – 7 PM

Meeting Agenda – In Person & Recorded

Present:

Absent with notice:

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Call meeting to order –

- A. Introduction of guest(s) –
- B. Public comments on items not on the agenda –
- C. Approval of minutes for April 2025 / no quorum at May meeting
- D. Reports
 - 1) Chair Tom Walsh-
 - a. Lafayette 200 committee – bulk of our time will be used to finalize events
 - b. West Chester Historical Atlas – will update for August
 - c. Gay Street School/Fugett Project – review in August
 - d. Friday, May 30, 2025, Joint Memorial Day Celebration with West Goshen Township = great turnout (over 30 participants)/ adjusted program because storm threat/ prayers by Rev. Cynthia Stouffer – WC UMC & Rev. Richelle Gunter – St Paul’s Baptist/ taps by Tom Herman/three members from the West Chester(Catherine Quillman, Chris Lang & Tom Walsh & seven members of West Goshen (Michael Pillagalli ,Steve, Lyons, Richard Davis, Bonnie Dean, Kathi Massi Dr. Doug White & Irene Benjamin) Historical Commissions participated
 - e. Thursday, June 12, 2025 - Town Tour Kickoff – Great support by County (David Blackburn & Sally Warren) , Mayor Lilian DeBaptiste & Holy Trinity Church/great turnout (over 150 turnout)/eight tours/HARB participants(Carol Jean Quigley, Michael Wallacavage & Phil Yocum) Historical Commission (Chris Lang, Catherine Quillman, Chris Lang, Sandra Ram & Tom Walsh) plus Mary Baylis, Dan Campbell, Jonathan Hoppe & Ray Ott. SPECIAL NOTE: Add Lillian DeBaptiste to list of Tour Guides for 2026.
 - 2) Wiki project – Eric Lorgus -
 - 3) Vice-Chair Kora Stahl –
 - a. Historic Trees Committee – Cedar of Lebanon – still to be worked on
 - b. Stained glass windows documentation –
 - 4) Social media – Catherine (Facebook) and Sandra (Instagram) –
 - 5) Budget for 2026 - see draft
- E. Old Business – Oral History Project – Chris Lang/Tom Walsh/Anne Skillman – September 2025

F. New Business – America 250 – August & September 2025

G. Adjournment –

BOROUGH COUNCIL: Smart Growth Committee agenda deadline Wednesday, July 2, 2025, and Smart Growth Committee meets July 9 at 6 pm - Council Work Session is Tuesday, July 15 at 6:30 pm and the Council Voting Session is Wednesday, July 16 at 6:30 pm.

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, July 17, 2025, 7 pm

AGENDA DEADLINE: SATURDAY, July 12, 2025.