

NORTH LITTLE ROCK HISTORY COMMISSION
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MINUTES

North Little Rock History Commission meeting January 14, 2025

Commission Members Present:

Suzanne Jackson, Chairman
Ann Clements
Deeana Montgomery
Kristal Clark
Sonny Rhodes

Others Present:

Kelli Peters, Archival Assistant
Cary Bradburn, Historian

Commission Members Absent:

Belinda Burney
Robert Coates

Commission Chairman Suzanne Jackson called the January 14, 2025 meeting of the North Little Rock History Commission meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. and quorum was established. Commissioners Belinda Burney and Robert Coates had excused absences.

Ms. Jackson asked Commissioners if they had read the minutes of the November 12, 2024 History Commission meeting. Ann Clements moved to approve the November 12, 2024 minutes as written and the motion was seconded by Sonny Rhodes and approved by all in voice vote.

Staff Report

Kelli Peters read a list of donations made since January, 2025.

1. 30”X 24” framed poster of Arkansas First ladies’ gowns from Old State House Museum Collection; Antique wire hat stand (16” tall)- Donated by Kelli Peters
2. Several Pamphlets and booklets from various reunions of NLR High School Class of 1964-1999, 2004, 2009, 2014, 2105, 2019, 2024- Donated by Suzanne Jackson
3. 1938 NLR High School Wildcat yearbook; David Wood’s graduation tassel; 8 X 10 b/w/ portrait of David Wood in his graduation cap and gown; Ad announcing addition of David Wood to Real estate Central Firm; Misc. color photos of the Old Mill and Burns Park; 3.5X4.5 B/W photo of the Baker House- Donated by Debra Wood
4. Blue Plastic Thermal Cup and Ink pen from NLR High School Class of 1979 reunion- Donated by Starlia Davis Aubrey
5. 13X 16 framed Biography and Photo by/of Linda Diane Wood (3rd Grade); 13 X 16 framed poem and photo by/of David Wood; 13 X 16 framed portrait of David Wood in his cap and Gown; 12.5X15.5 framed portrait of David Wood in his Band Uniform- Donated by Debra Wood
6. 1962 Program for Copper Bowl Football Game between LR and NLR Police Departments- Donated by Richard and Ann Scharfenberg
7. 9 page football strategy for NLR High School, Class of 1964 (Bought on Ebay from Tim Hackworth, Texarkana, AR); 3.5 5.5 B/W photo of 1927 flood at 100 block of W. Washington (Looking se- Donated by Stanislaus Whittlessey

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8. Rebel Yell, Student Edition, 5/25/22 from Jefferson Davis Junior High School- Donated by Sammy Blair c/o Betty Martin
9. Worthen Bank & Trust Statements Box, Green, c. 1960; comet cleaners wire hanger with paper advertising sleeve; first security bank ink pen; Bank of the Ozarks Ink Pen- Donated by Kelli Peters
10. 13X16 B/W Portrait of Diane Wood in her NLRHS Graduation Cap and Gown; 12X19 framed copy of Richard DeSpain drawing of NLR High School; 13 X 16 framed portraits of the North Pulaski Board of Realtors (1992, 1993, 1994); framed certificate from NLR Rotary Club to David Wood for Serving as Secretary; 1940 "Scroll" yearbook from Arkansas State Teachers College (now UCA)- donated by Debra Wood
11. NLRHS Football Program From Big 12 Conference game vs. Texarkana 1964; envelope from NLRHS athletic association to Mrs. J. D. Farris of Pine Bluff; small pennant from Rose City School; supplement to NLR High School Yearbook (1963); 8X10 b/w photo of Buel Ray Wortham, Jr. sitting with this parents upon his return from Russia following a sham trial (1967); miscellaneous photos of Mo-Pack Engines- Donated by Stanislaus Whittlesey
12. Antique Telegraph transmitter key, model 590 made by Signal Electric of Menominee, MI- Donated by Ann Clements
13. "Modern Railroading in Small Spaces" Paperback booklet- Donated by Suzanne Jackson
14. Souvenir piece of trolley rail (1906-1938) from 2004; Abstract of Title for 210 E. B" Ave- Donated by Debra Wood
15. NLR Times 1977 Chamber of Commerce Supplement (01/20/1977)- Donated by Dick Blankenship
16. Numerous items related to North Little Rock from the Harold Murchison Collection- Donated by Shara Hutchcraft
17. Boone Park Elementary Class Photo, Grade 6, 1957-1958 w/ identifications
18. 8X10 b/w/ photo of men's Sunday School class w/ Diane Avance, who had played the piano that Sunday, in front of Gardner Memorial Methodist Church, late 1950s- Donated by Diane Avance Wright
19. Cornet that belonged to David Wood, Jr.; North East High School Band Rain Jacket w/ Monogram that belonged to Debra Wood (Class of 1985); Real estate central wristwatch worn by David P. Wood, Jr.; names badges for David Wood- Real Estate Central, Rainey Realty, Rainey, Peacock, Penfield Realty-Donated by Debra Wood
20. Collection of CD (City events, Meetings, etc.) miscellaneous photos; Binder Sister City Uruapan, Mexico, Binder AIMM; notebook AIMM 3 books about Uruapan, Mexico; 1 book about Samsun, Turkey- Donated By Margaret Powell
21. Silverplate Box w/hinged lid, engraved: Second Place North Little Rock Times Twin City Bank Home Decorating Contest

Chairman's Report

Chairman Suzanne Jackson said she would like to continue to explore volunteer/ education committees. She said that we will be visiting with the Patrick Henry Hays Senior Citizens Center and the Clinton Presidential Library concerning their volunteer programs.

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Ann Clements discussed volunteer programs and Commissioners listed people they thought would be good volunteers for our application.

After determining there was no further business or discussion, Deeana Montgomery made a motion to adjourn. Sonny Rhodes seconded the motion and it was approved by all in voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Taylor Smith, Director