

NORTH LITTLE ROCK HISTORY COMMISSION

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MINUTES

North Little Rock History Commission
December 9, 2025

Commission Members Present:

Suzanne Jackson, Chairman
Ann Clements
Deeana Montgomery
Belinda Sykes-Burney

Others Present:

Kelli Peters, Director
Cary Bradburn, Historian

Commission Members Absent:

Kristal Clark
Robert Coates
Sonny Rhodes

History Commission Chairman Suzanne Jackson called the December 9, 2025 meeting of the North Little Rock History Commission to order at 5:30 P.M. and quorum was established.

Chairman Jackson asked Commissioners if they had read the minutes of the September 9, 2025 meeting. Ann Clements moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Belinda Sykes-Burney seconded the motion and it was approved by all in a voice vote.

Staff Report

Kelli Peters read a list of the donations received since the April 8, 2025 meeting:

1. Three (3) scrapbooks and 15 photo albums from the Shepherd's Center at Park Hill Christian Church. Donated by Billie Dreher.
2. Several of Tim Young's locomotive engineer licenses (1982-2005), and other documents from David Young's days working for the railroad (1937-1954). Donated by Tim & Barbara Young.
3. North Little Rock High School band pin. Donated by Shara Hutchcraft.
4. Two genealogy books: *Land & Property Research in the United States* by E. Wade Hone and *The Handybook for Genealogists* by Everton Publishers. Donated by Suzanne Jackson.
5. Four Sylvan Hills High School "Bruins" yearbooks (1960, 1962, 1964, & 1965). Donated by Shara Hutchcraft.
6. Three (3) scrapbooks, one photo album, various photos, certificates, letters, cassette tapes, and a plaster of the Old Mill, among other things from the David Wood family. Donated by Debra Wood.
7. Several items for the William S. "Bill" Clements collection: 1. Binder of letters of support to nominate William S. "Bill" Clements for the Charles L. Farris Award (1988); 2. Binder of letters

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- congratulating William S. “Bill” Clements for the SWRC NAHRO Award (2001); 3. Booklet nominating Bill Clements for the M. Justin Herman Memorial Award (1998); 4. 3 newspaper articles, and 5. *NLR Times* article about 1996 Hall of Fame inductees. Donated by Suzanne Clements Jackson.
8. Large print of an old Engelberger Saloon advertisement. Donated by Chuck Engelberger.
 9. Copies of 7 photographs of Joe Moser, who worked for the railroad. Donated by Maria Moser Hill.
 10. Various railroad items: Missouri Pacific Hours of Service booklet, seniority list from 1950, as well as copies of all three seniority lists, two time books, 1957 Missouri Pacific pocket calendar, several cards from Rupert Edward Orr’s service with Missouri Pacific, and 24 of Mr. Orr’s union dues receipts. Donated by Martha Jean Orr Landrum.
 11. Locust Street operator instructions for drawbridges. Donated by John Stark.
 12. Copies of 2 photographs of K. P. “Pat” Juairé with his grandson, Brian Juairé, inside a Missouri Pacific train car. Donated by Barry Juairé.
 13. Numerous school-related items from Jefferson Davis Jr. High School, Ridgeroad Jr. High School, North Little Rock High School, as well as items from First Methodist Church. Donated by Jane Priddy Stephens.
 14. *NLR Times* page featuring 27 contestants for the 1962 Miss City Beautiful pageant (04/19/1962) (one of whom was Mary Whalen). Donated by Mary Frances Whalen Beavers.
 15. *In the Service of our Country – The History of the United States Service Flag* by Jerry E. Dutschek. Donated by Suzanne Jackson.
 16. Four B/W 8x10 photos of Little League teams (1950s-1960s), B/W 8x10 photo of teenage baseball team (Fraternal Order of Police) (1960s), B/W photo of a newspaper article about a light plane crash. Donated by Barry Juairé.
 17. North Little Rock City League Champions (baseball) trophy (1937), 23 Burns Park Athletic Association tickets (1983), 7 Funland tickets, 1 ticket for a free ride at Funland, and a ticket for St. Patrick’s Annual Bazaar (1983). Donated by David Breen.
 18. Digital copies of their Eickhoff family & Argenta collections, plus a photocopy of Baring Cross Baptist Church’s Golden Anniversary booklet (1903-1953). Donated by Brad Williams & Curtis Cox.
 19. Numerous architectural drawings of houses and buildings in North Little Rock, including houses rehabilitated by the Argenta Community Development Corporation (CDC). Donated by Gary Clements/Clements & Associates, Inc.
 20. One 4-foot long “yardstick” with an advertisement for A. J. Sams Auto Salvage on it. Donated by Sonny Rhodes.

Cary Bradburn reported that Debbie Langston stopped by the office to research the house she had just purchased in Lakewood. She had been told that it was built by Justin Matthews.

Chairman’s Report

Chairman Jackson announced that each member of the Commission would be assigned a different task to help out with the opening of the new permanent exhibit. Ann Clements will be assigned to work with the media and with Shara Hutchcraft, to get the word out about our exhibit opening. Belinda Burney will assemble a diverse group for a preview walk-through. Decana Montgomery will be in charge of volunteers, recruiting them, establishing a system of supervising, scheduling, & monitoring the volunteers.

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Belinda Burney told them that the AARP Foundation pays volunteers who work 18-35 hours per week, so we might want to check into that.

Ann Clements suggested that we might want to only be open on Thursdays, Fridays, & Saturdays in the beginning, possibly adding days once we get going. We will need to look into hiring a part-time person to sit at the front desk and assist guests/visitors. Our hours should probably be 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, and we need to post them. We could possibly open on Wednesdays, but only for school groups.

Chairman Jackson assigned the following duties:

Belinda Burney – compile a list of people to invite to the preview walk-through

Kelli Peters & Deana Montgomery – determine the specific duties of volunteers

Chairman Jackson asked the group to think about who we should invite to the pre-grand opening.

The meeting adjourned at 6:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kelli Peters". The script is cursive and fluid.

Kelli Peters, Director