



MINUTES

North Little Rock History Commission
February 13, 2024

Commission Members Present:

Suzanne Jackson
Sonny Rhodes
Deeana Montgomery
Kristal Clark
Belinda Burney
Robert Coates

Others Present:

Sandra Taylor Smith, Director
Cary Bradburn, Historian
Kelli Peters, Archive Staff

Commission Members Absent:

Ann Clements

History Commission Chairman Suzanne Jackson called the February 14, 2024 meeting of the North Little Rock History Commission meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. and quorum was established.

Chairman Jackson asked Commissioners if they had read the minutes of the November 14, 2023 meeting. Corrections to be made were noted. Sonny Rhodes moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Deeana Montgomery seconded the motion and it was approved by all in voice vote.

Staff Report

New Donations received since November 2023:

1. Copies of the Pulaski County Quarterly Journal with article about Burns Park- Donated by Bick Satterfield
2. Reel-to-reel recorder- formerly belonged to Dr. Aurelius and Julia DeJanis. Julia DeJanis wrote the song "North Little Rock" and recorded it on this machine- Donated by Don Blakey
3. Balstovich T-Shirt- Donated by Kelli Peters
4. 8 X 10 B/W photograph of Levy Elementary School on fire in 1949- Donated by Bob Franklin
5. 2 small B/W/ photos of Paul Pyle of 226 Melrose Circle- Donated by Sarah Brown

Chairman's Report

Chairman Suzanne Jackson reported on exhibit progress. She said a curriculum is being developed for 4th and 5th grade field trips to the History Commission.

Belinda Burney suggested looking into living history sources for potential programs. She also suggested having the Black History panel frames rebuilt/repared.

Chairman Jackson talked about the desegregation interviews done by Cary Bradburn and Jim Lynch. Ms. Jackson has been talking with Jim Lynch and his son and have estimated a grant and/or sponsors could fund the project. An estimated cost of \$3,500. It was suggested that Dan Koop, a former PBS employee and resident of Park Hill might also be interested in the project.

A motion was made by Deeana Montgomery and seconded by Robert Coates to pursue production of North Little Rock 6 and the classes of 1967-1968 and 1969-1970.

After determining there was no further business or discussion, Sonny Rhodes moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Belinda Burney and approved by all. Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Taylor Smith, Director