



MINUTES

North Little Rock History Commission
November 12, 2024

Commission Members Present:

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

Others Present:

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

Commission Members Absent:

none

History Commission Chairman Suzanne Jackson called the November 12, 2024 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 May 14, 2024 meeting. Ann Clements moved to approve the minutes as written. Deeana Montgomery seconded the motion and it was approved by all in voice vote.

Staff Report

Sandra Smith referred Commissioners to a list of donations received since May 2024. It was reported that staff Kelli Peters has been through 25 boxes in the Patrick Henry Hays collection. These were the items left in the basement of City Hall. The collection has been reduced to 10 boxes. Ms. Smith said there are several boxes that AR Inland Maritime Museum might be interested in. Kelli has sent an email to AIMM to let them know them about the items we have from Mayor Hays' collection, including the flag that flew on the USS Razorback on its journey from Turkey to North Little Rock, photographs of the Hoga in Oakland, CA when Mayor Hays first toured it. We think these items are most appropriate to AIMM.

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1. Collection of photographs, city clerk badge c. 1915, City Detective Badge, Miscellaneous maps of MoPac; 1926 NLRHS annual; info on Dixie Quartet; Dixie Quartet musical score; folder of miscellaneous Percy Machin memorabilia; Photos of Ione Stiles Machin; brochure Rialto Theater; Percy Machin stamp; Percy Machin diary "War Record"- Donated by Jim Stanley
2. Digital Images of Miscellaneous photographs; 1949 Graduation Jones Jr. High- Donated by Charles Williams
3. Promotional Advertisement Thermometer from J. Y. Wortham Transfer Co. 516 Main- Donated by Tonya Lausten
4. NLRHS Yearbooks 1931, 1933, 1954, 1956- Donated by Karen Watts

Sandra Smith and Deeana Montgomery reported on the HPRG grant to restore/repair Dionicio Rodriguez sculptures and the Old Mill. The project is going very well and is almost finished. Work was done by a team headed by Carlos Cortes, great nephew of Mr. Rodriguez.

Chairman's Report

Suzanne Jackson told Commissioners she attended a Dark Hollow neighborhood meeting and learned of the many activities and services to the community the group provides.

After determining there was no further business or discussion, Ann Clements moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Belinda Burney and approved by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Taylor Smith, Director