



MINUTES

North Little Rock History Commission
May 14, 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 May 14, 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 February 13, 2024 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. Two North Little Rock Woman's Club Scrapbooks- 2002 and 2003; handwritten map of downtown Levy with names of businesses 1950-60s- Donated by Johnny Glaze
2. "Chronicle of a Century- The Story of Fort Roots" (1993); "History of Fort Roots- Old To New- VA Medical Center- North Little Rock Division" (1985); Rededication Ceremony for VA Medical Center Program (May 1996)- Donated by Danny and Pat Scruggs
3. NLR High School Yearbook- 1934; scrapbook of Dessa Mae Stone (NLRHS Class of 1934; Two issues of NLRHS Hi-Comet newspaper, 1934 and 1925- Donated by Raymond Harrill
4. Levy Elementary School class photos with identities 1957-1958 and 1958-1959- Donated by Linda Sussman (Caillouet) Haymes
5. 4 photos of Percy Machin in his WWI Uniform (copies on photo paper)- Donated by Jim Stanley

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6. 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
7. Digital Images of Miscellaneous photographs; 1949 Graduation Jones Jr. High- Donated by Charles Williams
8. Promotional Advertisement Thermometer from J. Y. Wortham Transfer Co. 516 Main- Donated by Tonya Lausten
9. NLRHS Yearbooks 1931, 1933, 1954, 1956- Donated by Karen Watts

Sandra Smith and Deana 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