

NORTH LITTLE ROCK HISTORY COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF May 10, 2022

NORTH LITTLE ROCK HISTORY COMMISSION MEETING

Present: Suzanne Jackson, Belinda Burney, Ann Clements, Deeana Montgomery, and Kristal Clark. Debra Wood joined via telephone.

Staff: Cary Bradburn

Jackson, commission chair, called the meeting to order.

On a motion by Clements and second by Montgomery, the minutes of the 4-12-2022 meeting were approved by voice vote.

Staff report by Bradburn:

1. Jim Stanley, whose great uncle was longtime City Clerk Percy Machin, gave the commission 11 bound notebooks of photos, awards, resolutions, and letters, among other items related to the Machin and Stanley families. The donation included some 1,100 digital images.
2. Jim Kindrick of Baring Cross donated photo images and postcards from his father, Harold Kindrick, and grandfather Jesse James Kindrick. The late Jesse James Kindrick built a house at 1401 West 11th. Harold Kindrick, now deceased, was born in the house. He received 6 bronze battle stars and a recipient of the French Legion Medal of Honor.
3. The S.A. Jones Alumni Association's national meeting will be at the Wyndham Hotel in North Little Rock in mid-July. Lee Jeffrey, the association's president, said he would provide two tickets to the banquet on July 16 and arranged for interviews of four Jones graduates prior to the banquet. He also asked if the History

Commission would buy an ad in the association's souvenir program. On a motion by Montgomery and second by Burney, the purchase of a \$25 ad in the souvenir program was approved by voice vote.

In other business, Jackson reported on the archives spreadsheet that Kelli Peters and Sherry Latimer have been working on for several months and are nearing completion.

Jackson also said Bonnie Alberts would be the artist for the May 20 art walk. The commission plans to participate in the May 20, June 17 and July 15 art walks. Montgomery asked about having a banner hung on the building and whether a tent out front might be useful for future art walks or other downtown events. Jackson asked Montgomery to check with the Visitors Bureau.

Wood brought up vacancies on the commission, but Jackson tabled the matter.

Clark provided copies of an artwork on the Little Rock 9 by Lyuba Bogan, who has offered to do a similar work on the North Little Rock 6 and the first black students who desegregated the School District 1964-66.

There was a discussion on whether to try to use a credit card reader. Jackson said credit card sales would have to go through the Friends of North Little Rock History – not the city. Wood said potential income was being lost by not having credit card sales. Jackson said she would take the matter to the Friends group.

Bradburn briefly discussed the desegregation project of interviewing the first black students to attend North Little Rock High School in 1966. Richard Lindsey, one of six black students who attempted to integrate North Little Rock High School on September 9, 1957, also has been interviewed in connection with the project. Clements noted that Cassandra Barnett of the state Education Department said the department was collecting desegregation stories in an effort to develop school lesson plans.

Jackson reported on the progress of the permanent exhibit committee. She said five designers from outside the state and one group from Arkansas had been contacted.

On a motion by Clements and second by Burney, the commission by voice vote adjourned the meeting.