

NORTH LITTLE ROCK HISTORY COMMISSION
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MINUTES

North Little Rock History Commission meeting January 11, 2022

Commission Members Present:

Suzanne Jackson, Chairman
Ann Clements
Belinda Burney
Deeana Montgomery
Kristal Clark
Debra Wood

Others Present:

Sandra Taylor Smith, Director
Cary Bradburn, Historian

Commission Members Absent:

none

Commission Chairman Suzanne Jackson called the January 11, 2022 meeting of the North Little Rock History Commission meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. and quorum was established. All participated in the meeting electronically.

Ms. Jackson asked Commissioners if they had read the minutes of the November 9, 2021 History Commission meeting. Ann Clements moved to approve the November 2021 minutes as written and the motion was seconded by Kristal Clark and approved by all in voice vote.

Staff Report

Sandra Smith reported that no new donations have been received since the November meeting, but staff is processing several older collections. She announced that UALR senior Nick McGee will be interning with the North Little Rock History Commission January-May 2022. Nick was an intern with the Commission when he was a freshman and Ms. Smith is looking forward to having him back. He will be in the office for three hours on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Ms. Smith also reported that a photographer with National Geographic magazine will be in town mid-January to take some photos of the Trail of Tears site in Riverfront Park.

Commissioners were referred to information sent to them about naming a pavilion at Conley Park and a pavilion at Burns Park. Ann Clements made a motion to approve the naming of the two pavilions. Kristal Clark seconded the motion and it was approved by all in voice vote.

Ms. Smith said that a paranormal group has requested permission to “investigate” 506 Main Street. She said Nick McGee would be willing to be here with them. Commissioners agreed to have the investigation with Nick present.

Sandra Smith reported that the contract with Taylor Studios has been terminated. She said the exhibit project will proceed using local people.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Suzanne Jackson reported that Jim Lynch and Cary Bradburn interviewed Rosalyn Sykes, who was one of the first black graduates of North Little Rock High School.

Ms. Jackson showed Commissioners a hand-drawn 4"X6" note card of 506 Main. Other cards by the artist are of the Old Mill, North Little Rock High School, City Hall, Argenta Drug Store, and a streetcar in front of the Argenta Plaza. Ms. Jackson said the artist is willing to have the cards for sale at 506 Main on consignment. On a motion by Deana Montgomery and second by Debra Wood, Commissioners unanimously voted to sell the cards on consignment.

After determining there was no further business or discussion, Ann Clements made a motion to adjourn. Deana Montgomery seconded the motion and it was approved by all in voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Taylor Smith, Director