

NORTH LITTLE ROCK HISTORY COMMISSION
506 Main Street
North Little Rock, AR 72114
Minutes
September 13, 2022

Commission Members Present:

Suzanne Jackson, Chairman

Belinda Burney

Deeana Montgomery

Ann Clements

Others Present:

Sandra Taylor Smith, Director

Cary Bradburn, Historian

Kelli Peters, Staff

Commission Members Absent:

Debra Wood

Commission Chairman Suzanne Jackson called the September 13, 2022 meeting of the North Little Rock History Commission meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. and quorum was established. .

Ms. Jackson asked Commissioners if they had read the minutes of the May 10, 2022 History Commission meeting. Deeana Montgomery moved to approve the May 2022 minutes as written and the motion was seconded by Ann Clements and approved by all in voice vote.

Staff Report

Sandra Smith reported on donations to the Commission since September 2022:

1. Jim Lynch Papers- Ridgeroad Junior High School notebooks 1958-61, Ridgeroad football training rules, Paper written by Lynch in 1969 in graduate school titled "The Politics of Money: A Case Study", paper written on Urban Renewal in 1970 and includes research notes, articles, and brochures, North Little Rock Chamber of Commerce magazine, 1966, Urban Renewal annual reports 1964 through 1968
2. North Little Rock High School class of 1948 scrapbooks, VCR tapes, Argenta City Club membership and Financial documents 2000-2005- donated by Joe A. Smith
3. Property abstract for Lot 10, Suggs Addition (10 Martin Lane) including transactions for the division of multiple acres atop Scenic Hill, handbook of Arkansas's Women's History, miscellaneous pens and ink- Donated by Jane Ploszay
4. Copy of "On the Opposite Shore", Lamar Porter baseball field booklet; original oil painting of 506 Main Street by Sherrie Shepherd (2003), plaque memorializing 11 servicemen lost in boating accident on Lake #2 during training exercise on 3/16/44- Donated by Herman Shirley
5. Photo 1937-38 North Little Rock Glee Club with identification of all members- purchased on ebay
6. Note card from Jackie Neil, City Clerk with NLR Times article about upcoming fashion show in 1967, three original classroom pictures from Boone Park Elementary Grade 2 '53-'54, Grade 3 ('54-'55) and Grade 5 ('56-'57), two recital programs of students of Mrs. Oscar Goss, 6/13/1958 and 5/24/1960, membership cards issued to Diane Avance, polio pioneer

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pin- 1954, Name tag for 4th Street Junior High School “Dad’s Club”- donated by Diane Avance Wright

7. 8 original photos from the 1930s taken at the Old Mill- Donated by Stan Whittlesey
8. Twin City Bank bifold cardstock advertisement- Donated by Kelli Peters
9. 1935 booklet “Our Homes” by the General Federation of Women’s Clubs- Donated by Kelli Peters
10. Original Civilian Conservation Corps cloth emblem- donated by Sandra Taylor Smith

Project Update

Suzanne Jackson said a North Little Rock Company has been selected to build the tree and train that will go in the permanent exhibit. She told Commissioner graphic artist Dennis Oxley is working on a preliminary design and hopes to have it by mid-October. Ms. Jackson asked if the Commission would agree to postpone the October meeting until the design was ready. She also said that all items in the downstairs will be packed and stored during construction.

Ms. Jackson said the September Art Walk will feature Jerry Colburn at the Heritage Center. Deeana Montgomery volunteered to help. Kristal Clark will be preparing refreshments. There was discussion about the October Art Walk. Ann Clements said she has a co-worker at the Humanities Council who might be willing to come in October.

Sandra Smith reported on needed maintenance to the 506 Main Street building including moisture in the brick, window repairs and painting.

After determining there was no further business or discussion, Deeana Montgomery moved to adjourn. Belinda Burney seconded the motion and it was approved by all in voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Taylor Smith, Director