



MINUTES

North Little Rock History Commission meeting March 10, 2020

Commission Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Sandra Taylor Smith, Director
Cary Bradburn, Historian

Commission Members Absent:

Debra Wood

Commission Chairman Suzanne Jackson called the March 10, 2020 meeting of the North Little Rock History Commission meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. and quorum was established. Commissioner Debra Wood had an excused absence.

Ms. Jackson asked Commissioners if they had read the minutes of the February 11, 2020 History Commission meeting. Ann Clements moved to approve January 2020 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Belinda Burney and approved by all in voice vote.

Staff Report:

Sandra Smith reported on donations since the February 2020 meeting.

1. North Little Rock Fireman Hat; two badges; two collar pins; assorted fire patches- Donated by Bob Franklin
2. Newspaper clippings of Percy Machin's obituary and tributes; Class schedule from 1945 North Little Rock High School for Patsy Lee Morris- Donated by Rebecca Lemley McGraw
3. Assorted plaques, awards and memorabilia from Jim Elder, Sportscaster- Donated by Susan Elder
4. Various postcards of the Old Mill, Corn's Motel purchased on EBay.
5. Cookbook from Park Hill Elementary PTA c.1960; Cookbook Rose City Beacon Methodist Church, 1967; "Down Beside the garden Fence" by Lakewood resident Mary Ider McClain, 1978- Donated by Stan Whittlesey

Chairman's Report:

Suzanne Jackson said Art Walk on February 21 went very well. She estimated around 150 came into the building. She passed out an "artists agreement" that will be sent to anyone who participates in Art Walk. Setup will be a 3pm and takedown completed by 9pm. A letter will also be added to the agreement outlining conditions for Art Walk.

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Ms. Jackson reported on a meeting with Jim Billings concerning the City's Website and the History Commission page on that site. It was discussed that contact information is not clear. Ms. Jackson said the city will be developing a new website later in 2020. Ann Clements suggested getting with the contractor on the new website. The Parks Department has an employee who is very good at updating their page and adding information. Staff will ask him to help them update our page.

Ann Clements reported that the Friends of North Little Rock History has received a \$50,000 grant from the Sturgis Foundation to work on the permanent exhibit. She told Commissioners that Mayor Smith has stated he will put a bill through City Council this calendar year providing \$150,000 for the exhibit and another \$150,000 would be put into the History Commission budget for 2021. She said an advertising agency is donating their time to put together a donor packet. All were urged to ask people and/or businesses they know to contribute to the permanent exhibit.

Suzanne Jackson handed out a report on the findings of suggested goals for the Commission. Developing a plan for the archives is a priority. She said in next month's meeting, other goals will be prioritized.

Cary Bradburn reported he is still working on processing the 18 boxes of the John Woodruff collection.

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.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Taylor Smith, Director