



MINUTES

North Little Rock History Commission meeting December 8, 2020

Commission Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Sandra Taylor Smith, Director
Cary Bradburn, Historian

Commission Members Absent:

none

Commission Chairman Suzanne Jackson called the December 8, 2020 meeting of the North Little Rock History Commission meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. and quorum was established. (Note: All Commission members and staff participated in the meeting electronically)

Ms. Jackson asked Commissioners if they had read the minutes of the last History Commission meeting, held on October 13, 2020. Ann Clements moved to approve the October 2020 minutes as written and the motion was seconded by Debra Wood. The motion was approved by all in voice vote.

Staff Report

Donations since the October 2020 meeting:

1. Pollard family papers including Civil Service records, Trailways Bus Facilities papers, NLR Shipping and Transportation Coalition papers; Pulaski County Democratic Committee papers- Donated by Stanley Pollard
2. Silver razor lapel pin earned by Bertha Wade Hughes after graduation from Mrs. Gertrude Blackwood's Beauty School and Salon on W. Broadway in North Little Rock -donated by Julie Reves
3. NLRHS Class of 1964 miscellaneous photos- Donated by Steve Daniels
4. Mo-Pac Railroad coffee mug; Union Pacific Railroad Brass marker plate; Mo-Pac/Texas Pacific RR Lines tie clip in case; Mo-Pac Lines Pin; Mo-Pac Lines Booster club cuff/collar link- Donated by Kelli Peters
5. Original brass flagpole top from NLR City Hall- Donated by the City of North Little Rock
6. 15.8 cubic feet of Urban Renewal files and materials- Donated by the North Little Rock Community Development Agency

Chairman's Report

Chairman Suzanne Jackson reported that she has spoken with several retired teachers from the North Little Rock School District and they have volunteered to help identify the photos obtained from the school district.

Ms. Jackson reported that Jim Lynch is progressing on research of the first black students who attended North Little Rock High School. Mr. Lynch will be locating the former students and setting up interviews.

The History Commission was awarded a small grant from the Arkansas Black History Commission to fund printing of the African American People and Places coloring book.

It was reported that the permanent exhibit process is continuing to move along. Jay Miller was hired to prepare the Request for Qualifications. Fundraising will continue after the first of the year. Ms. Jackson reported that thus far \$389,000 has been raised. She told Commissioners that a meeting with Mayor-elect Terry Hartwick will be scheduled to discuss the plans for the permanent exhibit.

After determining there was no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Taylor Smith, Director