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North Little Rock History Commission meeting September 11, 2018

Commission Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Sandra Taylor Smith, Director
Cary Bradburn, Historian

Commission Members Absent:

Eartha Dobbins

Commission Chairman Suzanne Jackson called the September 11, 2018 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 August 14, 2018 History Commission meeting. Ann Clements moved to approve the August 2018 minutes as written. Deeana Montgomery seconded the motion and it was approved by all in voice vote.

Staff Report

1. Wooden stool used by Conley Columbus Wood to sit while operating a trolley on the North Little Rock route c. 1920s and 1930s; photographs of Conley C. Wood and family; First American National Bank Bag and lock box keys; donated by Debra Wood.
2. Constable Badge

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Sandra Smith reported that there will be a groundbreaking for the Orion Building and Argenta Plaza, Thursday, August 16 at 11 A.M.

A revised draft of a brochure about the North Little Rock Heritage Center was distributed and Commissioners were asked to comment. Several changes were discussed and noted.

Chairman Report

Suzanne Jackson reported that Dennis Oxley is preparing a schematic visualization of the downstairs of 506 Main Street in accordance with the museum plan prepared by Jay Miller. The draft layout includes the train tree, buildings mock-up, and moving the desk.

Sandra Smith reported that electricity to the building was turned off in work going on back of the building. When it was turned back on, the mag card door on the back would not open. The alarm company was called, but they could not determine how to repair it. Complete Security Solutions has not called back or inquired about the door situation. Smith said she has had a lock company install door locks with keys on the front and back. Ms. Smith said during all of this, she realized that when there was no electricity to the building, the back door was unlocked and had been this way since the library installed that current alarm system in 2006. Suzanne Jackson said another alarm company has been contacted about taking over the current alarm system and adding a buzz-in system on the front door.

Chairman Jackson said we will plan for an open house for the doors exhibit with as many relatives of the featured individuals as can be located.

Sandra Smith said she has talked to the Little Rock Convention Bureau that initiates Booseum. The lady she spoke with said the Little Rock Museum Consortium has not met about Booseum and she will look into it.

Ms. Jackson passed out a flyer she and Deeana Montgomery put together for a tree decorating contest. Small artificial trees will be supplied for neighborhood groups to decorate. Ms. Jackson said they plan to attend neighborhood meetings to present the project. The decorated trees will be displayed during December 2018. Commissioners discussed details of the application and some restrictions that need to be placed on the decorations.

The plans to show movies during Black History month in 2018 was discussed. The city attorney's office told Sandra Smith we could do that as long as there was no charge. Debra Wood said there are copyright issues that need to be looked into more closely. Ms. Smith will check with the City Attorney again.

Debra Wood is working on having name badges made for Commissioners and staff. Job duties for possible interns from Pulaski Tech were discussed.

Kristal Clark said Cabot Florist is closing and she thinks in the spring it might be a good exhibit to
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showcase their business as well as Vestal Florist. A program with a gardening speaker was discussed as was highlighting the work of the Master Gardeners' projects.

After determining there was no further business or discussion, Ann Clements moved to adjourn. Deeana Montgomery seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Taylor Smith, Director