



MINUTES

North Little Rock History Commission meeting January 9, 2018

Commission Members Present:

Suzanne Jackson, Chairman
Belinda Burney
Kristal Clark
Deeana Montgomery
Eartha Dobbins
Debra Wood

Others Present:

Sandra Taylor Smith, Director
Cary Bradburn, Historian

Commission Members Absent:

Ann Clements

Commission Chairman Suzanne Jackson called the January 9, 2018 meeting of the North Little Rock History Commission meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and quorum was established. It was noted that Ann Clements had an excused absence.

Ms. Jackson asked Commissioners if they had read the minutes of the November 14, 2017 History Commission meeting. Deeana Montgomery moved to approve the November 2017 minutes as written. Eartha Dobbins seconded the motion and it was approved by all in voice vote.

Staff Report

Sandra Smith reported on acquisitions since the last meeting.

1. Photo of Coast Guard recruits in front of the Post Office at 420 Main Street, October 1942- Purchased on E-Bay
2. 1907 Letter concerning North Little Rock school student- Donated by Kristal Clark
3. Two Big Rock Dairy Milk Bottles- Donated by Diane Tebbetts

Commissioners discussed other North Little Rock items for sale on E Bay.

Ms. Smith said a Black History exhibit will be installed at the Hays Senior Citizens Center for February. She also reported that she and Cary are doing a presentation on the city's history at Parkstone Place on January 10. The Visitor's Center will host a lunch with North Little Rock hotel marketing directors at 506 Main on January 19.

Belinda Burney announced that Jajuan Johnson will be presenting a program on the history of the Dark Hollow neighborhood at King Solomon Baptist church on February 11 at 11:00 A.M. She also said the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. day event to be held at North Little Rock High School will feature Richard Lindsey speaking about the "North Little Rock Six" and their attempt to integrate

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North Little Rock High School in September 1957. The program will begin at noon at the high school's Fine Arts Center.

Chairman Report

Suzanne Jackson said "Opening Doors" exhibit will be installed in March. Jim Billings has a collection of cameras that he has offered to exhibit. Debra Wood suggested calling that exhibit "Picture It".

Commissioners discussed the 2018 Christmas Parade and agreed that the History Commission will plan to have an entry.

Eartha Dobbins talked about the progress and growth at Shorter College.

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