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North Little Rock History Commission meeting July 10, 2018

Commission Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Sandra Taylor Smith, Director
Cary Bradburn, Historian

Commission Members Absent:

Eartha Dobbins
Deeana Montgomery

Commission Chairman Suzanne Jackson called the July 10, 2018 meeting of the North Little Rock History Commission meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. and quorum was established. Commissioner Eartha Dobbins was reported to have been in the hospital again, but is at home currently.

Ms. Jackson asked Commissioners if they had read the minutes of the May 8, 2018 History Commission meeting. Ann Clements moved to approve the May 2018 minutes as written. Belinda Burney seconded the motion and it was approved by all in voice vote.

Staff Report

Sandra Smith reported on acquisitions since the last meeting.

1. Twin City Bank zippered satchel; WWII dog tags and Good Conduct pin belonging to David Wood during his service in the Coast Guard; business envelopes from US Postal Service; Greeting Card "Urban Renewal Is Good For You"; 214 W. 18th Street property abstract and real estate transaction documents 1962-1988- Donated by Debra Wood
2. 14 Issues of Fourth Street Junior High School newspaper "Junior Hi Comet" dates 1952 through 1955- Donated by Bobby Mathis
3. 16 scanned photos of the Old Mill, taken c. 1930s-40s; Scanned photos of Marche and Frank and Mary Dumbroski family- Donated by Louise Furnell
4. 1937 NLRHS yearbook; 1963 yearbook from Apostolic Christian School; note written by Dr. Shelby Atkinson in 1938 about cause of death of a patient-Donated by Stanislaus Whittlesey
5. 7 Original B&W photos of 1927 flood in North Little Rock; B&W photograph of Fourth Street Junior High School; 5 B&W photos from Burns Park Easter Egg Hunt 1948; 5X7 B&W photo of 200 block of Maple Street, looking north, C. 1920; 11 original color photos of people and places associated with public housing in North Little Rock 1960s-1990s;

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7 B&W photos of 4306 Idlewild Avenue, home of Bill and Beth Clements until 1963- house was built by Alvin Eanes 1953-54; 19 photos of Pike Avenue Civic Club members at Petit Jean State Park, early 1950s; Original 5 X 7 B&W photo from President Teddy Roosevelt's visit to North Little Rock in 1905 with documents related to photographer Charles Harris and Otto Keller.

Sandra Smith reported that the Master Gardeners of Arkansas awarded the Master Gardener project at the Old Mill "best in the state" in a ceremony at the Old Mill. Deana Montgomery is chairman of that Master Gardener project. It was reported that another I-30 expansion meeting will be held on July 12, 2018 at the North Little Rock Wyndham Hotel. Ms. Smith told Commissioners that the requested grant from the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program to abate moisture issues with the brick at 506 Main was not funded. The reason given was that there were projects with a higher priority. She said \$10,000 has been set aside for potentially matching the grant, and that will now be used to deal with some of the moisture issues.

A 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 said she and Debra Wood have been discussing having interns from Pulaski Tech. Debra needs to know how many hours per week/day and how much they would be paid.

Sandra Smith said she has not heard anything about Booseum, but will call the Little Rock Convention Bureau and inquire.

Ms. Jackson said she and Belinda Burney have talked about having a movie a week for Black History month in February 2019. The City Attorney's office has been contacting requesting information on if we can show movies if there is no charge.

Commissioners again agreed they would like to have a presence in the North Little Rock Christmas Parade in December. Kristal Clark said she may have access to an old vehicle that has been restored.

In other discussion, Belinda Burney said Silver City Courts and East Gate are being demolished. Both will be rebuilt according to Belinda Snow with the Housing Authority. Ms. Burney suggested that staff inquire about any artifacts from these two projects.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Taylor Smith, Director