



MINUTES

North Little Rock History Commission meeting November 13, 2018

Commission Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Sandra Taylor Smith, Director
Cary Bradburn, Historian

Commission Chairman Suzanne Jackson called the November 13, 2018 meeting of the North Little Rock History Commission meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. and quorum was established.

Commissioners were informed of the death of Commissioner Eartha Dobbins. Visitation will be Friday, November 16 at 6:00 P.M. at Bethel AME Church. Services will be held on Saturday, November 17 at 10:00 A.M. at Eighth Street Baptist Church.

Ms. Jackson asked Commissioners if they had read the minutes of the October 9, 2018 History Commission meeting. Ann Clements moved to approve the October 2018 minutes as written. Deeana Montgomery seconded the motion and it was approved by all in voice vote.

Staff Report

Donations since the October meeting:

1. North Little Rock High School reunion booklets- donated by the Morris family.

Chairman's Report

Commission Chairman Suzanne Jackson told Commissioners that Oxley Art is work on fine-tuning the digital images of the museum plan. A fabrication cost estimate ranging from low to high will be provided with the final product. Ms. Jackson said after we receive the final drawings and cost estimates a meeting with the mayor will be set up to see if he is on board with the plan. If so, a fundraising plan will be set up and begun.

Everyone was reminded of the Open House on Sunday, December 2 from 1pm to 4pm. Judging of the neighborhood Christmas trees will take place before the Christmas parade begins. There will be candy and crafts for children.

Decorating the train tree will be at noon on Wednesday, November 28. Lunch will be provided for any Commissioners who can attend and help.

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Kristal Clark said the antique truck will not be available for the Christmas parade.

Commissioners discussed producing a coloring book for Black History Month. It would include people and places of significance to the African American community in North Little Rock. The coloring book could be available online as well as printed to be distributed to the elementary schools.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Taylor Smith, Director