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North Little Rock History Commission meeting September 11, 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 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. Hill Township Constable Badge with name George Scott on back (George S. Scott was Mayor of North Little Rock 1923-1925)- donated by Lynn Rockenbach
3. Three-page typed history of North Little Rock written by Walter Adams- Donated by Kathy Davis
4. North Little Rock Times newspaper- 30 bound volumes of the newspaper; 400 discs; hard drive- Donated by Jeremy Peppas with North Little Rock Times.

Sandra Smith told Commissioners that although she had contacted the Little Rock Convention Bureau twice concerning Booseum, the group met in August, but the North Little Rock History Commission was not notified of the meeting. Ms. Smith called a member of the Little Rock Museum Consortium to inquire about the event and was told that the North Little Rock Heritage Center could partner with Curran Hall, but they have no plans to come to the north side of the river this year. Suzanne Jackson suggested a letter be sent expressing our disappointment and desire to be invited to participate in 2019.

Chairman's Report

History Commission Chairman Suzanne Jackson discussed showing movies during Black History month in February 2019. Sandra Smith has spoken with the City Attorney who is researching the issue in depth and will get back to us. Commissioners discussed making a documentary to show, the possibly of showing the AETN "Little Rock Ninth Street" film. Ann Clements said that the film was the result of a Arkansas Humanities Council grant and should not have any restrictions about showing to an audience.

Ms. Jackson said we are going to hold off on having name tags made until everyone is in agreement on a new logo design.

Commissioners discussed the Christmas Parade on December 2, 2018. Kristal Clark said she likely will have access to a 1937 Ford truck. Discussion was held about how to decorate it to represent the city's history.

Debra Wood is discussing an internship at the History Commission from Pulaski Tech. It needs to be determined what the stipend would be for the student.

Suzanne Jackson said neighborhood meetings at Park Hill and Glenview have been visited and the Christmas tree decorating contest announced. Letters and application forms will be mailed to each neighborhood association.

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