



North Little Rock History Commission meeting August 8, 2017

Commission Members Present:

Ann Clements
Eartha Dobbins
Kristal Clark
Deeana Montgomery
Debra Wood

Others Present:

Sandra Taylor Smith, Director
Cary Bradburn, Historian

Commission Members Absent:

Suzanne Jackson
Belinda Burney

History Commissioner Ann Clements called the August 8, 2017 meeting of the North Little Rock History Commission meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and quorum was established. It was reported that Suzanne Jackson and Belinda Burney had excused absences.

Ms. Jackson asked Commissioners if they had read the minutes of the July 11, 2017 History Commission meeting. Ann Clements pointed out that she was not present at the July meeting, but listed as present. On a motion by Deeana Montgomery to approve the July minutes with the correction and second by Kristal Clark, the minutes were approved by all in voice vote.

Staff Report

Items donated to the North Little Rock History Commission since the last meeting were reported:

1. Poster collage of North Little Rock business signs from early to mid-20th century- Donated by Louise McCullough.
2. Camp McRae CCC directory and CCC baseball team newspaper clippings from 1937, 1943 IRS Form 1040 for individual income and Victory Tax Return- Donated by Diane Hudson.
3. Ridge Road Junior High School plastic cup, small black and white photo of the Old Mill, c. 1939, scanned images of Cotton Belt Station during 1927 flood, downtown North Little Rock during 1927 flood, and North Little Rock neighborhood during 1927 flood- Donated by Steven Perdue.

Commissioners were shown photographs of some of the early 1990 equipment used when 911 was established. The first computers, telephones, and other equipment used in early 911 services are among the items. The Emergency Services office is willing to donate these items to the History Commission. Using them in a future exhibit was discussed.

Sandra Smith reported that the North Little Rock Heritage Center will be a site for the Little Rock Consortium of Museums "Booseum" event. "Booseum" will be held on Thursday, October 26 from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. There will be games, coloring books, and other activities for attendees in addition to lots of candy. Ms. Smith said that there is an event in the plaza next door on the following day and tents and other things will be set up, so the plaza will not be available for any activities. Bob Hardin will be contacted concerning using his courtyard between the Owens building and the Heritage Center for some props. Ms. Smith said she will be talking with the Argenta Boosters to encourage participation from the surrounding neighborhood.

Future exhibits were discussed. Deana Montgomery made a motion that the "Opening Doors" exhibit be installed in January 2018. Eartha Dobbins seconded the motion and it was approved by all in voice vote. Ms. Smith said there may be more profiles added to the existing list of people to be included in this exhibit.

Other future exhibit ideas discussed were Dionicio Rodriguez and his sculptures in North Little Rock, Burns Park Funland, and displaying a collection of small miscellaneous items.

Commissioners discussed the North Little Rock History Commission facebook page. Kristal Clark and Debra Wood volunteered to work with staff on taking on the page.

After determining there was no further business or discussion, Deana Montgomery made a motion to adjourn. Kristal Clark seconded the motion and it was approved by all in voice vote. Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Taylor Smith, Director