



MINUTES

North Little Rock History Commission meeting February 14, 2017

Commission Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Sandra Taylor Smith, Director
Cary Bradburn, Historian

Commission Members Absent:

Eartha Dobbins

Commission Chairman Suzanne Jackson called the February 14, 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 Eartha Dobbins' husband is in hospice at home.

Ms. Jackson asked Commissioners if they had read the minutes of the January 10, 2017 History Commission meeting. Ann Clements made a motion to approve the January 2017 minutes as written. Kristal Clark seconded the motion and it was approved by all in voice vote.

Staff Report

Sandra Smith reported on the following items donated since the meeting on January 10, 2017:

1. Scanned images from scrapbooks, including historic Park Hill photos, 1927 flood photos, photo of a 1920s bus headed to Tie Plant, photo of Sherman Shirley, photo of building the levee in 1927, and a two page document written by the residents of the Cato area upset at their forced removal from their homes so Camp Robinson could be expanded- donated by Gail Blucker
2. 1946 Postcard of the Post Office building at 420 Main Street- donated by Debra Wood
3. Arkansas Gazette State Centennial Edition, June 15, 1936, Labor Bulletin from the AR Centennial Commemoration in 1936, North Little Rock Times Industrial Recovery (once owned by former Mayor U. E. Moore)- Donated by Danny Youngblood
4. Original painting by Doris Owens Henry, 1932- donated by Monty Bradburn
5. Postcard showing the "little rock", postcard of the Broadway Bridge- donated by Jim Billings
6. Poll tax receipts 1958-1960, Polio Vaccine slip, 1963, North Little Rock High School theater and choral performance programs 1948, 1959-1963- donated by Rebecca Lemley McGraw

Chairman Report

Suzanne Jackson reported on meeting with consultant Jay Miller who will be preparing a preliminary plan for exhibits and the best utilization of the first floor space of 506 Main Street.

Commissioners were asked to approve a revised mission statement for the North Little Rock History Commission as follows:

“The mission of the North Little Rock History Commission is to preserve, promote, interpret, present, collect, and research materials relating to the city’s history and serve as the city’s official archive.”

A motion to adopt the mission statement as revised was made by Deeana Montgomery and seconded by Ann Clements. It was approved by all in voice vote.

Commissioners discussed showing the movie “10,000 Black Men Named George”. Tuesday, March 7 was determined to be a good date. Arrangements for chairs, drinks, and popcorn were discussed. Ann Clements volunteered to do a flyer that could be printed or posted on social media.

Kristal Clark suggested that the Commission do a brochure about the building at 506 Main Street and activities/exhibits by the History Commission.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Taylor Smith, Director