



## MINUTES

North Little Rock History Commission meeting March 14, 2017

Commission Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Sandra Taylor Smith, Director

Commission Members Absent:

none

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Commission Chairman Suzanne Jackson called the March 14, 2017 meeting of the North Little Rock History Commission meeting to order at 6:05 P.M. and quorum was established.

Ms. Jackson asked Commissioners if they had read the minutes of the February 14, 2017 History Commission meeting. On a motion by Ann Clements and second by Belinda Burney, the February 2017 minutes were approved as written by all in voice vote.

**Staff Report**

Sandra Smith reported that Gayle Fisher donated a book entitled "Mo Pac Power". Ms. Smith said that the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program's "Sandwiching in History" tour of 506 Main on March 3 was attended by over 100 people and it went very well. Kristal Clark suggested that a brochure on the history of 506 Main Street and information about its reconstruction be prepared.

The movie "10,000 Black Men Named George" was shown the evening of March 7. There were thirteen people in attendance and all enjoyed the movie which was about the Pullman Rail Company and the efforts of the company's porters to form the first union in the country for black workers.

**Chairman Report**

Suzanne Jackson spoke about how exhibits that interest most visitors connect with them in spiritual and emotional ways. The railroad exhibit is a good example as so many former railroad workers have been moved by seeing the exhibit. She said exhibits should grab the visitor's attention.

Belinda Burney said technology is important to get children involved in programs and exhibits. She said kids relate to interactive things much more so than a static display.

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Commissioners talked about visualization of history and how to best accomplish that at the North Little Rock Heritage Center.

Suzanne Jackson talked about the exhibit plan prepared by Jay Miller. Commissioners walked through the first floor with the proposed layouts and discussed locations of exhibits, reception desk, and other items as presented on the plans.

Ms. Jackson suggested that at the next meeting each Commissioner bring a fact about the city that most don't know.

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After determining there was no further business or discussion, Deeana Montgomery made a motion to adjourn. Belinda Burney seconded the motion and it was approved by all in voice vote. Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sandra Taylor Smith, Director