



North Little Rock History Commission meeting October 10, 2017

Commission Members Present:

Suzanne Jackson
Eartha Dobbins
Kristal Clark
Deeana Montgomery
Debra Wood

Others Present:

Sandra Taylor Smith, Director
Cary Bradburn, Historian

Commission Members Absent:

Belinda Burney
Ann Clements

Commission Chairman Suzanne Jackson called the October 10, 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 Belinda Burney and Ann Clements had an excused absences.

Ms. Jackson asked Commissioners if they had read the minutes of the September 12, 2017 History Commission meeting. A correction to those present was noted. On a motion by Deena Montgomery to approve the September minutes and a second by Debra Wood, 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. Twin City Bank Certificate of Deposit document pouch- Donated by Suzanne Jackson
2. Cookbook from United Methodist Women of Gardner Memorial Methodist Church, 1975- Donated by Suzanne Jackson
3. Four recipes from the Jr. League of NLR Sustainers Progressive Luncheon, 1980- Donated by Suzanne Jackson
4. Poster- 52nd Presidential Inaugural- Donated by Suzanne Jackson

Ms. Smith pointed out a telephone switchboard in the conference room. The switchboard is on loan from James Ard.

Cary Bradburn has been conducting audio/video interviews of members of Gardner Memorial Methodist Church who are 90 years old or older. Bradburn and Smith interviewed long-time city employee Laura Lassiter.

Sandra Smith told Commissioners that the National Football League is preparing a documentary on Jerry Jones and has contacted the History Commission for images that would fit into their 1950s and 1960s era theme.

Chairman's Report

Suzanne Jackson told the Commission that the Planning grant from the AR Humanities Council has been approved. She said there is a meeting set up with consultant Jay Miller on October 18 to discuss the next steps to take in planning for exhibits.

The North Little Rock Heritage Center will be one of nine museums in central Arkansas participating in Booseum on October 26 from 5:30 P.M until 8:30 P.M. We will be the only site on the north side of the river. Commissioners discussed decorations and activities for Booseum.

Park Hill Elementary School will be open to the public for the last time on Saturday, October 28. Sandra Smith will be giving tours of the building.

Ms. Jackson said that the History Commission will have an open house on the day of the North Little Rock Christmas parade on Sunday, December 3. Commissioners discussed having more wood ornaments such as one of a trolley car, or railroad depot made for the Christmas Open House.

After determining there was no further business or discussion, Deeana Montgomery made a motion to adjourn. Kristal Clark seconded the motion and it was approved by all in voice vote. Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Taylor Smith, Director