



North Little Rock History Commission meeting November 14, 2017

Commission Members Present:

Suzanne Jackson
Eartha Dobbins
Kristal Clark
Deeana Montgomery
Debra Wood
Belinda Burney
Ann Clements

Others Present:

Sandra Taylor Smith, Director
Cary Bradburn, Historian

Commission Members Absent:

none

Commission Chairman Suzanne Jackson called the November 14, 2017 meeting of the North Little Rock History Commission meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. with all Commissioners present.

Ms. Jackson asked Commissioners if they had read the minutes of the October 10, 2017 History Commission meeting. A correction to the last sentence in the first paragraph was noted. On a motion by Ann Clements to approve the October minutes and a second by Belinda Burney, 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. Scrapbooks, newspaper clippings- Donated by Jane Ploszay
2. North Little Rock postcards- Donated by Suzanne Jackson
3. George Jernigan – Photographs of the Freedom Train

Ms. Smith reported that the Open House at Park Hill Elementary School, held on October 28 was highly successful. It was said to be the last time the building would be open to the public. There is no prospective buyer or use for the building yet.

Over 200 people attended the Booseum event at 506 Main Street on October 26. The North Little Rock Heritage Center was the only site on the north side of the river. The History Commission partnered with the AR Inland Maritime Museum on this event.

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commission contacted the NLR History Commission about a program concerning the attempted integration of North Little Rock High School in September 1957. The program will be held on January 15, 2018 at 1:00 P.M. at North Little Rock High School. As plans for the program develop, Ms. Smith will let all Commissioners know details.

Chairman's Report

Suzanne Jackson reminded Commissioners that there will be an Open House at 506 Main on Sunday, December 3 in conjunction with the North Little Rock Christmas parade. She said the building will be open from 1pm to 4pm that day. Commissioners discussed refreshments and crafts for children. Debra Wood would like to have a vintage vehicle in the parade to represent the History Commission. Kristal Clark said her brother-in-law has an old truck and she would ask if he would bring it the North Little Rock for the parade. Name tags for the Open House were discussed.

Chairman Jackson said the "Doors" exhibit will go up in February. Jim Billings has a collection of cameras that will also be exhibited.

After determining there was no further business or discussion, Ann Clements made a motion to adjourn. Deeana Montgomery seconded the motion and it was approved by all in voice vote. Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Taylor Smith, Director