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North Little Rock History Commission meeting November 8, 2016

Commission Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Sandra Taylor Smith, Director
Cary Bradburn, Historian

Commission Members Absent:

none

Commission Chairman Suzanne Jackson called the November 8, 2016 meeting of the North Little Rock History Commission meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and quorum was established with all Commissioners present.

Ms. Jackson asked Commissioners if they had read the minutes of the October 11, 2016 History Commission meeting. Ann Clements moved to approve the October 2016 minutes as written. Belinda Burney seconded the motion and it was approved by all in voice vote.

Staff Report

Sandra Smith reported the following donations received since the October 2016 meeting:

- 1) Historic postcards of the Broadway Bridge- Donated by Jim Billings
- 2) Political memorabilia from campaigns-Donated by Alderman Murry Witcher
- 3) Original 1954 North Little Rock High School Commencement program- Donated by Ann Clements
- 4) 1949 AR Democrat newspaper article about river bridges- Donated by Terry Rice
- 5) Bensky Fur records- Left on porch of Monty and Cary Bradburn-anonymous donor.
- 6) Joe Dillie photograph- Donated by Lillian Freeman
- 7) 1954 NLR Ordinance book- Donated by Roy Draper

Ms. Smith reported on a seminar concerning researching historic buildings that was held in the NLR Heritage Center on October 29. The Arkansas Archives organized the seminar and over 60 people attended. An open house at the Old Mill was held on October 25 to promote the non-profit "Friends of the Old Mill" and their proposed projects in the coming months. The North Little Rock History Commission partnered with the AR Inland Maritime Museum for "Booseum" at the submarine on October 27. Kristal Clark and Sandra Smith helped distribute candy and played games with the attendees. Over 180 children attended the event, which was the first time the Museum

Consortium held part of “Booseum” on the north side of the river.

Chairman Report

Suzanne Jackson reported that there will be a formal opening of the North Little Rock Railroads exhibit on Thursday, December 1, 2016 from 5pm. to 7pm. Invitations have been sent for this event. Ms. Jackson called for volunteer help for the December 1 opening and for an open house of the exhibit on Sunday, December 4, the same day as the Christmas Parade. Deana Montgomery will handle food and refreshments. Volunteer Kim Pinter and her husband Ed Pinter will pour drinks. Ms. Jackson said all other Commissioners should be “floaters” who greet guests and answer any questions concerning the exhibit. Belinda Burney volunteered to provide crafts for children on the December 4 open house.

Ms. Jackson said T-shirts will be made using the logo of the railroad exhibit. Kristal Clark suggested having a brochure printed for the exhibit. Ann Clements suggested a group photo of the History Commissioners could be made in front of the exhibit. Other discussion about specific tasks and duties for the grand opening and the open house were discussed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Taylor Smith, Director