

NORTH LITTLE ROCK HISTORY COMMISSION

MINUTES

May 12, 2015

6:00 P.M.

506 Main Street

North Little Rock, Arkansas

Commission Members Present:

Suzanne Jackson, Chairman

Kristal Clark

Connie Woodard

Belinda Burney

Eartha Dobbins

Others Present:

Sandra Taylor Smith, Director

Commission Members Absent:

Ann Clements

Jon Beavers

Herman Shirley

Commission Chairman Suzanne Jackson called the May 12, 2015 meeting of the North Little Rock History Commission meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and quorum was established. It was reported that Ann Clements, Jon Beavers, and Herman Shirley had excused absences.

Ms. Jackson asked Commissioners to read the minutes of the April 14, 2015 History Commission meeting. Connie Woodard moved to approve the 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 April meeting:

- 1) Twin City Bank blanket- donated by Suzanne Jackson
- 2) Letters written to Mayor Terry Hartwick by Bob Major- donated by Bob Major
- 3) World War I photos from Camp Pike

Ms. Smith said there are two display cases at the City Services building originally installed by the Museum of Discovery. They have been given to the City of North Little Rock. One will remain at City Services and the History Commission plans to put displays in it. It is hoped that the other case can be relocated to 506 Main. Connie Woodard said she would recommend the History Commission get both cases.

Chairman Report

Suzanne Jackson told Commissioners that City Council passed a resolution on May 11, 2015 naming the building at 506 Main "North Little Rock Heritage Center". There was discussion about getting a sign and banners. Ms. Jackson said there is one spot left on the I-30 sign at the Broadway exit and it

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is hoped North Little Rock Heritage Center can be added in the space. Kristal Clark made a motion to request placement of the North Little Rock Heritage Center on the I-30 sign. It was seconded by Belinda Burney and approved by all in voice vote.

Discussion followed about working with North Little Rock Advertising and Promotion and doing a push for volunteers.

Ms. Jackson said the VIP reception for the opening of the "Give Our Regards to Broadway" exhibit will be held on Thursday, June 18 from 5 to 7pm. Commissioners were updated on progress with historic photographs and research on the Broadway Bridge and guest artist Greg Davis' photographs of the bridge.

Commissioners discussed the June 18 event and offered several ideas such as having a red carpet at the door and a location to take photographs of attendees.

After determining there was no further business to conduct, Connie Woodard moved to adjourn. Belinda Burney seconded the motion and it was approved by all in voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Taylor Smith, Director