

# NORTH LITTLE ROCK HISTORY COMMISSION

## MINUTES

June 9, 2015

6:00 P.M.

506 Main Street

North Little Rock, Arkansas

### Commission Members Present:

Suzanne Jackson, Chairman

Kristal Clark

Herman Shirley

Belinda Burney

Eartha Dobbins

Jon Beavers

Ann Clements

### Others Present:

Sandra Taylor Smith, Director

Cary Bradburn, Historian

Diane Whitbey

### Commission Members Absent:

Connie Woodard

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Commission Chairman Suzanne Jackson called the June 9, 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 Connie Woodard had an excused absence.

Ms. Jackson asked Commissioners to read the minutes of the May 12, 2015 History Commission meeting. Jon Beavers 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) North Little Rock Police Docket books from the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century

Ms. Smith told Commissioners that a statewide Historic District Commissioner training was held in the building on May 15 and was very successful. There were over 40 people in attendance for the day-long training. It was also reported that the downstairs of 506 Main Street was open for a VIP event for the annual Preserve Arkansas crawfish boil, known as "Preservation Crustaceans".

### **Chairman Report**

Suzanne Jackson told Commissioners that 150 invitations have been mailed for the opening of the Broadway Bridge exhibit on June 18. She said the "Friends of North Little Rock History" non-profit has raised enough money to cover the costs of the exhibit and grand opening.

Mayor Smith has given the approval to install a new HVAC system in the archives room. The funds for the cost of the new system will come from the Mayor's budget. The lowest estimate for replacement of the system is \$9,100. The archives room has a heat pump that regulates temperature

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and humidity and is set on a constant temperature for archival preservation.

Ms. Jackson said Clements and Associates, Architects are drawing plans for letters to be placed on the front of the building reading "North Little Rock Heritage Center". The application for the new signage will be presented to the North Little Rock Historic District Commission on June 11.

Exhibits ideas for the rest of 2015 and next year were discussed. All were encouraged to give some thought to what types of exhibits could be presented. Ideas were discussed such as women's history.

Belinda Burney said the Scipio A. Jones alumni reunion will be held in North Little Rock in the summer of 2016.

Ms. Jackson said there will not be a meeting in July, to give everyone a summer break. The next meeting will be August 11

After determining there was no further business to conduct, Herman Shirley moved to adjourn. Ann Clements seconded the motion and it was approved by all in voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sandra Taylor Smith, Director