

ROGERS HISTORICAL MUSEUM COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

September 5, 2019

The Rogers Historical Museum Commission met on Thursday, September 5, 2019 at the Hailey Building, 313 South Second Street, Rogers, Arkansas.

Chairman Mike Whitmore called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Also present were Museum Commissioners Jerry Hiatt, John Ford, Nancy Swearingen and Kathleen Dickerson.

Representing the Museum staff were Interim Director Terrilyn Wendling, Robert Rousey, Curator of Education and Jennifer Kick, Collections Manager. Also in attendance were Alex Golden, NWA DEMOCRAT GAZETTE, and Jamaikhan Dickey, Human Resources Department, City of Rogers.

Commissioner John Ford moved to accept the minutes as written. Nancy Swearingen seconded the motion which carried.

Chairman Whitmore acknowledged the passing of Kay Sanford, President of the Friends and expressed the Commission's sympathy to all who knew Kay and worked with her. Commissioner Dickerson said that according to the Friends' Bylaws, Vice President Sandy Chalmers will assume the position of President for the remainder of Kay's term.

Development Director Cathy Orr reported that she had completed July 2019 accounts in Quickbooks, paid bills, updated other computer needs and started September's newsletter from the Foundation. Also had worked events which were happening, dealt with fund raising and other necessary activities.

Interim Director Terrilynn Wendling reported that the Museum is involved in the following scheduled activities: "Artwork on the Bricks", The Hawkins House, --- A house in Mourning and other necessary activities and other concerns. She stated that she was also working on the budget for 2020.

Collections Manager Jennifer Kick discussed the items which had been donated. Her report will be filed for references.

The Long Range Planning session was continued from the previous meeting in August. With the flip chart, Interim Director Wendling asked for strengths of the Museum, then whatever weaknesses the Commissioners felt were apparent/ The next area discussed was External Threats versus Opportunities.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Hiatt quotee from the Bylaws governing the Commission on management, control of collections, museum directives and chain of ocommand. He then spoke on the bases of the bylaws that the stagecoach must be brought back to the Museum. It is stored at north 24th and Hudson Road, AJ Storage, with no climate control.

Commissioner Hiatt moved to exert Commission authority to put the stage coach back in the Museum Building. (The motion died for want of a second.)

Commissioner John Ford moved that before decision to put the coach back in the Museum is reached that other opportunities at least be explored in the next thirty days. Commissioner Nancy Swearington seconded the motion which carried with four votes in the affirmative and one abstention.

Commissioner Ford moved to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Swearington seconded the motion which carried.

Executive Session began at 5:13 p.m.

Commissioner Swearington moved to conclude the Executive Session meeting. Commissioner Ford seconded the motion which carried.

No announcements at this time.

By mutual consent, the Commission meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.



Kathleen Dickerson
Recording Secretary