

A regular meeting of the Collierville Heritage Commission was held May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 2:30pm at the Morton Museum of Collierville History, located at 196 N. Main Street, Collierville, Tennessee.

The following members of the Heritage Commission were present: Betty Edmunds, Joe Clayton, Clarene Russell, Mary Alice Brock, Cheri Kilmurray, Nancy Bassett, Kayla Smith, and John Shepherd. Taylor Stamps, Jennifer Cordell, and Mayor Stan Joyner were absent.

Staff members present were Museum Director Ashley Carver and Collections and Special Projects Coordinator Brooke Mundy.

Also present was Jaime Groce, Town Planner, Town of Collierville.

Mrs. Russell called the meeting to order.

Mrs. Carver introduced Town Planner Jaime Groce.

Mr. Groce presented on public, commercial, and residential investments in and just outside of the Historic District and extensive discussion ensued.

Mrs. Russell thanked Mr. Groce for informing the Heritage Commission on the growth of the historic district and commended the administration for their leadership keeping the "small town" feel in Collierville.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 13, 2016**

Mrs. Russell asked if there were any corrections or additions needed to the April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting minutes.

Mr. Clayton made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Mrs. Edmunds. All were in favor, none were opposed. Motion is approved.

### **Museum Director's Report**

Mrs. Carver stated 1,093 people visited in April. This is about double the average monthly attendance. The Museum hosted in two field trips, fifteen programs, two rentals, and an exhibit opening at the Museum in April.

Mrs. Carver stated this month's Lunch n' Learn programming continues with a lecture by Rita Venable, on May 12<sup>th</sup>, followed by Museum Director Jennifer Cooper speaking on the Woodruff-Fontaine House on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Mrs. Carver stated that Ms. Mundy and Mrs. Renner, along with 6 volunteers, traveled to Dogwood Elementary School in Germantown to present a Civil War program to their 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes.

Mrs. Carver stated last Saturday was the Museum's Spotlight Saturday, which highlighted the Museum's new butterfly garden, and activity stations related to Collierville history. The Museum also had a booth at Fair on the Square, where they spoke to more than 400 people about Museum programs.

Mrs. Carver stated that the final week of the temporary exhibit, "A Portrait of Collierville: 1940-1945" will be the week of May 23<sup>rd</sup>. After Memorial Day, the Museum will install artworks by Rose Sitton. June 8<sup>th</sup> will be official opening and 2016 Shelby East Garden Club Flower Show.

Mrs. Carver stated the Museum will host the 5<sup>th</sup> graders from Tara Oaks Elementary School on Friday.

## **DONATIONS**

Ms. Mundy stated Mr. Steve Cole is offering to donate two books related to World War II equipment to the Museum's Library Collection.

Mr. Shepherd made a motion to accept the items, seconded by Mrs. Bassett. All were in favor, none were opposed. Motion is approved.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mrs. Russell asked the Commission if anyone had any old business to bring before the Heritage Commission.

Mrs. Russell asked about the status of the items on loan from Mrs. Nancy Newby Perkins.

Mrs. Carver stated the items are currently being documented by a professional photographer. The images can then be used for study, exhibit, exhibit brochures, or publications. Next summer, the Museum is planning a large temporary exhibit using the Perkins Collection.

Mrs. Russell asked if the Museum needed more exhibit cases.

Mrs. Carver stated the Museum is looking at a number of options to expand the number of items that can be displayed in the Museum.

Mrs. Kilmurray stated she recently took some visiting family members to Magnolia Cemetery for a tour by manager Mr. Tod Fox. It was an excellent tour.

Mrs. Bassett stated Mr. Fox will be giving tours after the Wigfall Greys Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, June 4 at 11am. There will also be a reenactment.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Russell asked the Heritage Commission if anyone had any new business to bring before the Heritage Commission.

Mrs. Russell asked the Heritage Commission if they wanted to meet during the summer months.

Mr. Clayton stated his suggested would be for the Chairman to call a meeting if she or the Museum Director needed a meeting.

Mrs. Brock stated she thinks there should be a called meeting if there are any donations to consider, so they can be addressed in a timely manner.

Mr. Clayton made a motion to meet in June, July, and August only if there is a called meeting by the Heritage Commission Chairman. All were in favor, none were opposed. Motion is approved.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business or discussion, at approximately 3:40pm, Mrs. Russell adjourned the meeting.

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Mrs. Clarene Russell  
Chairman, Heritage Commission

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Josh Suddath  
Assistant Town Administrator