

A regular meeting of the Collierville Heritage Commission was held April 13<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: Taylor Stamps, Clarene Russell, Mary Alice Brock, Cheri Kilmurray, Nancy Bassett, and Kayla Smith. Jennifer Cordell, Betty Edmunds, Joe Clayton, John Shepherd, and Mayor Stan Joyner were absent.

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

Mrs. Russell called the meeting to order.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 9, 2016**

Mrs. Russell asked if there were any corrections or additions needed to the March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting minutes.

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

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

Mrs. Carver stated 616 people visited in March. Year to date attendance is 1,520 visitors, which is up 46% from the same time last year. The expanded parking lot and continued success of the Lunch n' Learn program are contributing to the increase in visitation.

Mrs. Carver stated this month's Lunch n' Learn programming continues with a lecture by Skip Funk, a Vietnam Veteran, on April 14<sup>th</sup>, followed by Mr. Bob Barnett speaking on Elmwood Cemetery on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Mrs. Carver stated the Museum hosted two 3<sup>rd</sup> grade field trips last week, and this Friday, the Museum will host the 5<sup>th</sup> grade from Tara Oaks Elementary. A few weeks ago, the Museum was represented at the Shelby County History Festival.

Mrs. Carver stated April's Spotlight Saturday will be Art Out on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Ms. Mundy has invited artists in a variety of mediums to demonstrate their work and there will craft stations for children and families to make their own art. It was one of the most popular Spotlight Saturdays of 2015.

Mrs. Carver stated that this is the final week of the temporary exhibit, "Legacy," by Collierville Middle School Advanced Art Students. Next Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, the Museum will open, "Portrait of Collierville: 1940-1945." It is the result of a partnership with St. George's Independent School and 11<sup>th</sup> grade history students.

Mrs. Carver stated the Tennessee Association of Museums recognized the Museum with 6 awards at their annual convention in mid-March.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Mundy stated she had several donations for the Heritage Commission to consider. Mr. Guy Massey is offering to donate two Native American vessels, an atlatl weight, and several points. The frog effigy vessel was given to Mr. Massey's mother from a student she taught.

Mrs. Kilmurray asked about the items provenance.

Ms. Mundy stated there is no way of knowing where the items came from, however, for the Museum's purposes the items have great educational value as items that would have been used by Native Americans in the area. The items have been reviewed by Ron Brister, retired curator at the Pink Palace, and he believes they are authentic.

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

Ms. Mundy presented a collection of photographs of Town Square, ca. late 1970s, by Ms. Allison Cox. Discussion ensued about the photographs.

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

Ms. Mundy presented seven numbered prints by the artist Tylor Guthrie, donated by Mr. John "Jack" Everett. Mr. Guthrie painted images of Collierville and the surrounding area. The prints were purchased by the Collierville Savings and Loan and given to clients who banked there. A few of the prints were based off Paul Madison Wilson photographs.

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

Ms. Mundy presented the book, "Collierville: A Place Called Home," donated by the Collierville Contemporary Club.

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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

Mrs. Bassett asked the Commission how they felt about Mr. Jaime Groce, Town Planner, coming to talk about the new developments and infill in the Historic District.

Mrs. Kilmurray stated there is going to be a real estate luncheon at the Museum on April 21, 2016, where Mr. Groce is going to be speaking.

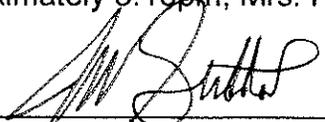
Mrs. Russell stated she thought it would be nice to hear from Mr. Groce regarding the infill developments in the district.

Mrs. Carver stated she would invite Mr. Groce to speak at an upcoming Heritage Commission meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business or discussion, at approximately 3:15pm, Mrs. Russell adjourned the meeting.

  
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Mrs. Clarene Russell  
Chairman, Heritage Commission

  
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Josh Suddath  
Assistant Town Administrator