

A regular meeting of the Collierville Heritage Commission was held January 9th, 2019 at 2:30pm at the Morton Museum 196 N. Main Street, Collierville, Tennessee

The following members of the Heritage Commission were present: Nancy Bassett, Joe Clayton, Taylor Stamps, Cheri Kilmurray, Luke Stevens, and John Moore. Absent members were: Betty Edmunds, Mayor Stan Joyner, Jenny Cordell, and Mary Alice Brock.

Staff members present were Museum Director, Brooke Mundy, Collections and Special Project's Coordinator, Elizabeth Datskou, and Town Planner, Jaime Groce.

Nancy Bassett called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM held October 10th, 2018

Mrs. Bassett asked if there were any corrections or additions needed to the October 10th, 2018 meeting minutes.

Mr. Stamps motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Clayton seconded. The minutes were approved.

Guest Speaker, Jaime Groce – Town Planner

Mrs. Bassett introduced Jaime Groce to the Heritage Commission and turned the meeting over to him.

Mr. Groce shared information about the Collierville Center Connect project.

Mr. Groce reported that the Town received grants from TDoT for the project to improve Phase 1 and 2 that will be occurring at the same time.

Mr. Groce explained what the Phases entailed.

Mr. Groce explained that the project is trying to preserve the historical aspect of downtown Collierville.

Mr. Groce went into detail about the construction happening on Center Street on the residential side and how the Town plans on improving the neighborhood.

Mr. Groce reported that the project should be completed by the summer of 2019.

Discussion ensued about the construction for the project.

Discussion ensued about the historic homes in the area.

Mr. Groce went into detail about the construction happening on the commercial side to improve the sidewalks, parking, traffic, and drainage.

Discussion ensued about the historic businesses located in that area.

Discussion ensued about the construction for the commercial side.

Discussion ensued on the estimated cost for the project.

Discussion ensued about the historic houses located in that area.

Museum Director's Report

Ms. Mundy reported that the Museum ended 2018 with an attendance of 8,713 visitors with a 213 visitor increase compared to 2017.

Upcoming programs at the Museum are:

01/10 – Lunch n' Learn: Manager of the Pink Palace Planetarium

01/24 – Lunch n' Learn: Air Force One

01/26 – Girl Scout Troop

01/29 – Group Tour

01/31 – Collierville High School Art Reception

01/28, 01/29, 02/04, 02/05 – SGIS Student Work Days

02/14 – Lunch n' Learn: Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

02/28 – Lunch n' Learn: Meet the Author

03/13, 03/14 – Teen Workshop: Art of Paper

Friday Mornings – Story Time

Ms. Mundy also reported that the next exhibit will be incorporating the Bessie Dean Parr photographs in the context of the New Negro Movement. It will open in March 2019 and the Parr/Broer family has loaned a few objects for the exhibit.

Ms. Mundy announced that the two full-time staff, Brooke Mundy and Elizabeth Datskou, will attend the Tennessee Association of Museums Conference in March.

Ms. Mundy reported that staff submitted nominations to TAM and will find out at the conference if TAM awarded the Museum's nominations.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Bassett announced the award given to Mrs. Clarene Russell during the Home Tour.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Bassett recused herself as chairmen for the Heritage Commission but talked to Betty Edmunds to ask if she would serve as chairman for the board.

Taylor Stamps nominated Betty Edmunds as chairmen. Cheri Kilmurray seconded the nomination.

Betty Edmunds was approved by acclamation.

Donations:

Ms. Datskou presented a selection of photos donated by Jimmy Ogle. The photos are of the Frisco 1351 being moved from Libertyland through the Mid-South Fairgrounds to the southern railroad tracks that he took himself.

Discussion ensued about the photographs.

Mr. Clayton made a motion to accept the photographs. Mr. Stamps seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed and the items were accepted.

Ms. Datskou presented the Commission with items that were found on the street by a resident who then dropped off the items at the Museum.

Ms. Mundy announced that since the Museum did not know the former owner of the items, that the Museum would not accession them into the collection.

Ms. Mundy and Ms. Datskou asked the Commission if the names on the items sounded familiar.

Discussion ensued about the items.

Ms. Mundy reported on the plans the Museum has for the 150th year of the Town Charter. The Museum plans to have a community curated exhibit for the whole year of 2020. The Museum will invite residents to contribute items to the exhibit from their life in the Town.

Ms. Mundy explained the logistics of the exhibit.

Discussion ensued about the items that would go into the exhibit.

Ms. Mundy reported on the plans the Museum and Ashley Carver have on doing a living history on the Town Square incorporating the historical items on the square.

Discussion ensued about the history of the Town.

The next meeting will be held April 10th, 2019 at 2:30pm at the Morton Museum.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business or discussion, at approximately 3:35pm. Mrs. Bassett adjourned the meeting.



Mrs. Betty Edmunds
Chairman, Heritage Commission



Brooke Mundy
Museum Director

