A regular meeting of the Collierville Heritage Commission was held April 10th, 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, Mayor Stan Joyner, Joe Clayton, Cheri Kilmurray, Betty Edmunds, Mary Alice Brock, Luke Stevens, Taylor Stamps, and John Moore. Absent member was: Jenny Cordell.

Staff member present was Museum Director, Brooke Mundy.

Guest Speakers present were Diana Dubois and Steve Cole.

Chairman Mrs. Betty Edmunds called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM April 10th, 2019

Mrs. Edmunds asked if there were any corrections or additions needed to the January 9th, 2019 meeting minutes.

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

Guest Speaker, Diana Dubois

Mrs. Edmunds introduced Diana Dubois to the Heritage Commission and turned the meeting over to her.

Ms. Dubois explained the project she is working on to the Commission that started back in 2009.

Ms. Dubois reported that she had nine boxes full of Collierville history research and has written a book with fellow Collierville historians.

Ms. Dubois asked what the Heritage Commission thought her team should do with the source material and research that has been gathered.

Ms. Dubois mentioned publishing or donating the research or creating a book with the Commission's help.

Discussion ensued about creating a book with the current research.

Mr. Cole asked if it was possible to put this information online for people to access it through the Museum's website.

Discussion ensued about creating a Town archive and creating easier access to visitors looking for source material.

Mr. Cole reported on research he has collected on the Battle of Collierville.

Discussion ensued about what actionable steps could be done with this research.

Discussion ensued about the financial cost of creating and publishing a book and who would be the audience.

Ms. Mundy asked Ms. Dubois if it would be helpful if the Museum digitized the research documents.

Discussion ensued about the Museum taking a few boxes at a time.

The Commission decided to organize and categorize the research with Ms. Dubois.

Museum Director's Report

Ms. Mundy reported that the Museum has had 1,497 visitors since January.

Upcoming programs at the Museum are:

4/11 – Lunch n' Learn: Harold Bibb
4/11 – Friends' Classic Movie Night: Singin' in the Rain
4/25 – Lunch n' Learn: C.H. Nash Museum at Chucalissa
4/25 – Opening Reception: Beyond the Image
4/27 – Spotlight Saturday: At the Cabin
5/9 – Lunch n' Learn: Battle of Shiloh
5/10 – Iris Orchestra: Fellows Concert
5/11 – Artist Reception: Nancy Boatwright
5/24 – Outdoor Movie Night: Princess Bride
6/1 – Book Club: Code Girls
Every Friday – Story Time

Ms. Mundy reported that the Museum has had several field trips for this year.

Ms. Mundy reported on the exhibit Beyond the Image has now opened to the public. This exhibit looks at the Collierville photographer Bessie Dean Parr's photographs in the context of the New Negro Movement.

The Museum received three awards from the Tennessee Association of Museums for the Museum's temporary exhibit, Stories of Service event, and Teen Art of Paper workshop.

Mike Ellicott also received an award from the Tennessee Association of Museums for his volunteerism.

Ms. Mundy mentioned the Museum's upcoming exhibit for Collierville's 150th anniversary that is completely community curated.

Ms. Mundy asked the Commission if they would be interested in participating in a trivia night at the Museum.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Cheri Kilmurray reported on Main Street's upcoming Yellow Fever tour.

Discussion ensued on the Yellow Fever tour.

Mayor Joyner inquired about any updates on the Frisco 1351 train.

The next meeting will be held October 9th, 2019 at 2:30pm at the Morton Museum.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mrs. Betty Edmunds Chairman, Heritage Commission	James Lewellen Town Administrator