

# **BIRMINGHAM** *The* **MUSEUM**

**CITY OF BIRMINGHAM**  
**MUSEUM BOARD SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**  
**556 W MAPLE**  
**Wednesday, June 22, 2016**  
**9:00 AM**

***Mission Statement:** The Birmingham Museum will explore meaningful connections with our past, in order to enrich our community and enhance its character and sustainability. Our mission is to promote understanding of Birmingham's historical and cultural legacy through preservation and interpretation of its ongoing story.*

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Introduction of Guests**
- 4. New Business**
  - A. Recommendation for Siding Material-Allen House
- 5. Next Regular Meeting : August 4, 2016**
- 6. Adjournment**

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**DATE:** June 22, 2016  
**TO:** Museum Board  
**FROM:** Leslie Pielack, Museum Director  
**SUBJECT:** Allen House Siding Material Update

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## **Background**

At its June 2, 2016, the Museum Board reviewed the choices between an alternative material for the Allen House siding project (James Hardie fiber cement cedar shingle with painted Hardie board trim) and repair/replacement and repainting the existing individual cedar shingle siding and wood trim. At that time, the Museum Board voted 4-1 to use the replacement product.

Following the meeting, additional research resulted in information from the State Historic Preservation Office that was not available at the original meeting, which clarified that it would not be possible to use the alternative fiber cement product material. Only painted cedar shingle siding can be used on the Allen House, using painted wood trim as is currently on the building.

In the initial discussion on June 2, it was proposed that the cedar approach could be done as a partial repair/replacement, which would require lead mitigation. This would be spot repairing the existing deteriorating shingle a little at a time. Further repair/replacement in a 3 to 5 year cycle would require additional lead mitigation each time repair and repainting was needed.

The figures available at the time estimated partial replacement and repainting of existing shingle (approximately half the material) to cost \$60,700. Current estimates of complete replacement of the existing siding and repair/replacement of wood trim, with re-painting, is \$95,000. Complete replacement does imply a commitment to regular and appropriate maintenance and care, with spot repair needed approximately every five years going forward. The cost of this ongoing repair is currently estimated at \$6,000 to \$8,000 each time.

At this time, it is recommended to remove all existing painted cedar shingle to do one complete lead remediation, replacing all siding with new cedar material that is properly primed and prepared for painting and ongoing cyclical maintenance. In this way, the optimum benefit can be realized from the outset of the work, including proper planning for future maintenance needs. The existing wood trim boards may be retained and repaired if they are sound, otherwise replaced with new wood before repainting.

**Suggested Resolution:** To request the City of Birmingham proceed with the Allen House Siding Project by completely removing existing cedar siding, repairing underlayment and existing wood board trim as needed, and installing all new individual cedar shingles to match existing, to be painted to match existing.