



**CITY OF BIRMINGHAM
MUSEUM BOARD AGENDA
556 W MAPLE
Thursday, November 4, 2021
5:00 PM**

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. Approval of the Minutes**
Minutes of October 7, 2021
- 4. Unfinished Business**
 - A. Heritage Zone Community Garden Project-Spring, 2022
- 5. New Business**
 - A. Meeting Schedule for 2022
 - B. Update: Engineering Design Project-Barrier Free Path and Parking
 - C. Update: Upcoming Budget and Long Range Planning
- 6. Communication and Reports**
 - A. Director Report
 - B. Member comments
 - C. Public comments
- 7. Next Meeting: December 2, 2021**
- 8. Adjournment**

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**CITY OF BIRMINGHAM
MUSEUM BOARD MEETING
556 W. Maple
Thursday, September 2, 2021
5:00 PM**

Members Present: Bev Erickson, Alexandra Harris, Judith Keefer, Marty Logue, Caitlin Rosso, Jay Shell, Pat Hughes (arrived at 5:15)

Members Absent: None

Student Members: None

Administration: Museum Director Leslie Pielack

Guests: None

**Approval of the Minutes
Minutes of September 2, 2021**

MOTION: by Keefer, seconded by Rosso:

To approve the minutes of September 2, 2021.

VOTE: Yeas, 6
Nays, 0

Unfinished Business

The spring 2022 heritage garden community plant exchange/event will be reviewed every month on an ongoing basis, but due the delay in construction of the sign in the garden area, we don't have sufficient information yet to continue with any specific plans. Director Pielack will be in touch with the landscape architect, Brian Devlin, to get his input on appropriate perennial plants for the heritage garden area.

New Business

The board briefly reviewed the de-accession process in the new Collection Policy, with discussion and examples of various collection issues that arise and how de-accession of objects in the permanent collection can help the museum. The Collections Subcommittee, composed of Judith Keefer, Marty Logue, and Caitlin Rosso, first reviews proposed deaccession objects presented by the museum staff. After they meet and review, they make recommendations to the Museum Board as a whole, which determines whether to forward the recommendations to the City Commission, which has the final authority to approve any deaccessions. Members discussed various aspects of

the Collections Subcommittee role and the Museum Board role, with the general consensus that it is a learning process and will become clearer as it begins. The Collections Subcommittee will likely be meeting in the next month to review, when museum staff has the necessary paperwork ready. Subcommittee meetings are considered public meetings and will have a posted agenda and Zoom attendance option for the public. Subcommittee findings will be referenced in minutes and posted, and those minutes would become part of the subsequent Museum Board agenda for their review.

Director Pielack explained that the first group of deaccessions is likely going to be straightforward, dealing with books that were brought into the permanent collection many years ago, but which are more appropriate as general reference books in the museum's library.

Communication and Reports

Director Pielack reviewed the Director Report, providing updates on proposals for the engineering study of the ADA parking off Willits, the new website content, and the proposed application for designation of Greenwood Cemetery by the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom. This designation will require approval by the City Commission, since it is city property. Director Pielack is expected to take the matter to the commission after the election in November, and hopefully will be able to meet the December 1 deadline for submission.

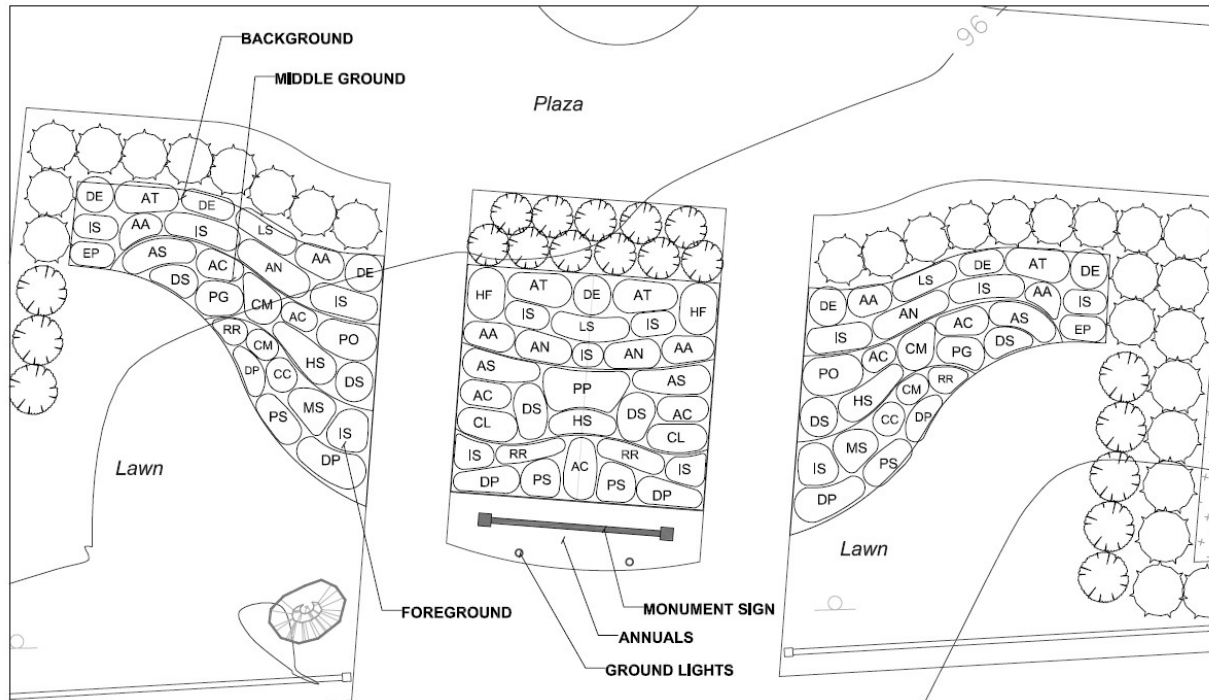
There were no board member comments.

There were no public comments

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 4, at 5:00 PM.

Ms. Logue adjourned the meeting at 5:45 PM.

PERENNIAL PLANTING LAYOUT AND PLANT LIST-PERENNIAL GARDEN OF HERITAGE ZONE



PERENNIAL PLANT LIST

KEY QTY.	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	HEIGHT	FLOWER COLOR	FLOWERING TIME	REFERENCE
Background (36" height to 60" height)						
AA	<i>Aster amellus</i>	Michaelmas Daisy	36"	Yellow	Sept., October	Home Beautifying
AN	<i>Aconitum napellus</i>	Monkshood	36"	Deep purple blue	July, August	Home Beautifying
AT	<i>Anemone tomentosum</i>	Windflower	36" - 48"	Pink	August, October	Home Beautifying
DE	<i>Delphinium elatum</i>	Bee Larkspur	60"	Blue	June, July	Home Beautifying
EP	<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	Purple Coneflower	24" - 48"	Purple	June - August	Home Beautifying
HF	<i>Hemerocallis flava</i>	Lemon Daylily	36"	Yellow	June, July	Home Beautifying
IS	<i>Iris sibirica</i>	Siberian Iris	36" - 48"	Blue	May, June	Home Beautifying
LS	<i>Liatris spicata</i>	Blazing Star	36" - 48"	Red, purple	July, August	Home Beautifying
Middle Ground (18" height to 36" height)						
AC	<i>Aquilegia chrysantha</i>	Golden Columbine	24" - 36"	Yellow	May, June	Coryell
AS	<i>Anemone sylvestris</i>	Windflower	24" - 36"	Pink, white	September	Home Beautifying
CM	<i>Campanula medium</i>	Canterbury Bells	24" - 36"	Pink, purple, white	June, July	Home Beautifying
CL	<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>	Lance Coreopsis	30"	Yellow	July, August	Coryell
DS	<i>Dicentra spectabilis</i>	Common Bleeding-Heart	24"	Red	April, May	Home Beautifying
HS	<i>Heuchera sanguinea</i>	Coralbells	18" - 30"	Red, pink, white	April - June	
IG	<i>Iris germanica</i>	Bearded Iris	24" - 36"	Purple & Yellow	May	Coryell
		Cultivars: Florentina, Pallda Dalmatica, Honorabllis, Purple Prince, Queen of the May, Silver King				
PO	<i>Paeonia officialis</i>	Common Peony	24" - 36"	Various	May, June	Coryell
		Cultivars: Algida, August Villaume, Delicatissima, Edouard Andre, Von Hochburg, Von Lassberg				
PG	<i>Platycodon grandiflorus</i>	Balloon Flower	24" - 36"	Deep blue	July, August	Home Beautifying
PP	<i>Phlox paniculata</i>	Garden Phlox	24" - 36"	Pink, purple, white	May, June	Coryell
		Cultivars: Ellaieur, La Vogue, Peachblow, R. P. Struthers, Rynstrom Felix Crousse, Louis Van Houttel, Madame Calot, Jeanne d'Arc				
Foreground (6" height to 18" height)						
AC	<i>Arabis caucasica</i>	Rock Cress	12"	White	April, May	Home Beautifying
CC	<i>Campanula carpatica</i>	Carpathian Bellflower	12"	Blue	June, August	Home Beautifying
DP	<i>Dianthus plumaris</i>	Cottage Pink	6" - 12"	Red, pink, white	June, July	Coryell
IS	<i>Iberis sempervirens</i>	Evergreen Candytuft	12"	White	May	Home Beautifying
MS	<i>Myosotis sylvatica</i>	Forget-Me-Not	12" - 18"	Blue	May, June	Home Beautifying
PS	<i>Phlox subulata</i>	Moss Phlox	6"	Blue	April, May	
RR	<i>Ranunculus repens</i>	Creeping Buttercup	12" - 18"	Purple, pink, white	April, May	Home Beautifying

Coryell - The Coryell Nursery, Price List of Shade Trees, Hardy Ornamental Shrubs, Evergreens, Vines, Roses, Perennials, and Fruit trees Fall 1919, Spring 1920

Home Beautiful - Home Beautifying Suggestions: Including Lists and Sizes of Ornamental Plants and Information for Their Use (1921)



MUSEUM BOARD

556 WEST MAPLE, BIRMINGHAM, MI
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**MEETING SCHEDULE
2022**

**All Meetings Scheduled for 5:00 PM, first Thursday of the month,
unless otherwise noted.**

MONTH	DAY	MEETING	LOCATION
January	6	Regular Meeting	Birmingham Museum
February	3	Regular Meeting	Birmingham Museum
March	3	Regular Meeting	Birmingham Museum
April	7	Regular Meeting	Birmingham Museum
May	5	Regular Meeting	Birmingham Museum
June	2	Regular Meeting	Birmingham Museum
July	7	Regular Meeting	Birmingham Museum
August	4	Regular Meeting	Birmingham Museum
September	1	Regular Meeting	Birmingham Museum
October	6	Regular Meeting	Birmingham Museum
November	3	Regular Meeting	Birmingham Museum
December	1	Regular Meeting	Birmingham Museum

DATE: November 4, 2021
TO: Museum Board
FROM: Leslie Pielack, Museum Director
SUBJECT: Director Report

Allen House Window and Wall Repair—Three windows on the upper floor of the Allen House have been leaking rain, which has damaged the wet plaster on both floors, requiring immediate repair. We're awaiting a proposal for the work and hope to have it done in the next month.

Hunter House Paint Study Update—We are awaiting the analysis from the Hunter House's paint study, which will help us in planning next year's budget.

Update—Sign Installation and Heritage Zone Work—The fence updates have been completed and painted. The gates at the Hunter House add a nice touch. At this time, the sign structure is complete and the final step will be to install the actual sign and turn on the illumination, weather permitting. DPS will be installing the vine supports in the trash bin area for spring vine planting, and removing the old sign once the new one is installed.

Potential Wedding Permit for Museum Board Review—Just a heads up--a request for a 170-person, ceremony-only permit is in the works that will require board review and approval, and determination of additional fees. It may be on the December or January agenda. Stay tuned.

Joint Lecture Series at Baldwin Library—We are in motion, and the entire lecture series has been planned for the year as follows:

- November 4 **The Saginaw Trail and Oakland County's Indigenous People** (Leslie)-impact of white settlement along the Saginaw Trail on the indigenous people in the 19th century
- December 2 **Christmas in Early Birmingham** (Donna)-evolution of Christmas celebration in Birmingham from pioneer days to the 20th century
- January 6 **Surviving Winter Before Central Heating** (Caitlin)-how early Birminghamsters would have kept warm, eaten and entertained themselves during the winter
- February 3 **Black Families of Early Birmingham** (Leslie)-For Black History Month, we will share what we have learned about our area's Black and multi-racial history
- March 3 **Birmingham Women in Aviation** (Donna)-women pilots, the first woman astronaut, and more; Birmingham has been at the forefront of female flight
- April 7 **Birmingham: America's Shetland Pony Capital** (Caitlin)-throughout the U.S., the quiet village of Birmingham was the place to buy the highly desirable Shetland breed of pony
- May 5 **Birmingham's Stories of War and Service** (Donna)-honoring the service and sacrifice of women and men of Birmingham over the past 200 years
- June 3 **Juneteenth and Birmingham's Connection to the Underground Railroad** (Donna) Learn how two different men buried in Greenwood Cemetery worked to abolish slavery in America and the connection of Birmingham to the Underground Railroad

The Virtual Birmingham Museum—Our recently-launched web site has been populated by lots of updated content, images, and easy-to-navigate material. This web site promises to be much easier on users as well as for museum staff to maintain, and will add another source of information to balance our social media content. Check it out at www.bhamgov.org/museum!

Collection—We recently received a cool photo of Hawthorne Electric doing a promotion of Maytag washers with a live goat! Hawthorne is still a Birmingham staple, 100 years later.

Collection item: historic photograph by Arnold Studio of Hawthorne Electric. The store is featuring wringer washing machines with a promotional display featuring a live goat and a sign,

“Don’t let wash day get your goat: BUY a Maytag”



Hawthorne Electric is now Hawthorne Appliance, and 100 years later, is still privately held with three stores in Michigan-Birmingham, Rochester Hills, and Holland.



Collection Birmingham Museum Collection
Other#
Old#
Accession# 2021.21
Received as Gift
Cataloged by Donna Casaceli
Source Keersmaekers, Kathryn
Creditline

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Home loc AH-Mitchell Open Shelves: B-1

Description Photograph of the Hawthorne Appliance and Electronics store. The photograph shows washing machines lined up out front with a goat and a sign that states "Don't let wash day get your goat, BUY A Maytag." There are children on the sidewalk with salesmen and families. The Hawthorne Electrics truck is parked in front to the right of the photograph.

Date	Status	Status date
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Photographer Studio The Arnold Studio - Birmingham		
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Publications	Related Notes	
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