



**CITY OF BIRMINGHAM
MUSEUM BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, October 8, 2015
6:30 PM**

Members Present: Russ Dixon, Tina Krizanic, Marty Logue, Gretchen Maricak, Kate Montgomery, Caitlin Rosso, Jeff Wilmot

Student Members Present: Maria Graham

Members Absent: none

Administration: Museum Director Leslie Pielack

Guests: none

Mr. Dixon called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

**Approval of the Minutes
Minutes of September 3, 2015**

MOTION: by Krizanic, seconded by Maricak:

To approve the minutes of September 3, 2015, as amended.

VOTE: Yeas, 7
Nays, 0

New Business

A. The Museum Board 2016 Meeting Schedule was reviewed.

MOTION: by Maricak, seconded by Wilmot:

To approve the proposed 2016 Museum Board Meeting Schedule.

VOTE: Yeas, 7
Nays, 0

Communication and Reports

A. Ms. Logue reviewed the Joint Fundraising Committee Report and updated the funds yet remaining to be raised to \$5032.00. Four donations have been received from the business mailing. Mr. Wilmot offered to personally hand out

the business appeal letter to business owners on the south end of Birmingham that were not on the mailing list.

- B. Museum Director Pielack reviewed the Director's Report.
- C. Mr. Dixon suggested that in lieu of a verbal report and video clips of the Board of Ethics Informational Seminar of September 24, Museum Board members can watch the seminar online and bring questions or concerns to the next Museum Board meeting. Members received a handout with the link to the city website.
- D. Mr. Wilmot offered a copy of the 75th Anniversary issue of the Eccentric to the museum if it was needed. Ms. Montgomery mentioned that she is chair for the Junior League of Birmingham, and they will be having a Pumpkin Patch event on Sunday, October 18, from 1:00 to 4:00. Mr. Dixon read a letter to the editor that he has sent to the Eccentric regarding the upcoming commission election and the importance of understanding the candidates' positions regarding supporting historic preservation and the museum.

Unfinished Business

A. The board agreed to proceed with the possible name change of the museum by gathering suggestions from board members and key stakeholders from the Friends and submitting them to Museum Director Pielack before the next Museum Board meeting. Director Pielack will prepare a list in advance, and the Museum Board will review the list and settle on several viable names, after which additional input from the public and other stakeholders would be sought. A few suggestions were offered to begin the list.

Mr. Dixon adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.