



**CITY OF BIRMINGHAM
MUSEUM BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, April 6, 2017
5:30 PM**

Members Present: Russ Dixon, Judith Keefer, Tina Krizanic, Marty Logue, Caitlin Rosso

Student Members Present: None

Members Absent: James Cristbrook, Gretchen Maricak

Administration: Museum Director Leslie Pielack

Guests: Brian Devlin, Devlin Land Designs; Gordon Rinschler

Mr. Dixon called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Guests introduced themselves.

**Approval of the Minutes
Minutes of March 2, 2017**

MOTION: by Krizanic, seconded by Logue:

To approve the minutes of march 2, 2017, as amended.

VOTE: Yeas, 5
Nays, 0

Announcements

None.

Unfinished Business

A. Brian Devlin of Devlin Land Designs reviewed his findings regarding the historic landscape of our park area. Existing conditions, historic features, and four proposed zones for various uses were discussed. The Museum Board will be evaluating and further discussing the findings to establish interpretive goals and priorities for the landscape, which would be incorporated by Mr. Devlin in concept plans. The ideas would then be shared with the public for its input and integrated with city objectives before further development of a long term Master Landscape Plan.

B. The Museum Board reviewed the final draft of the proposed logo design. Mr. Dixon, who was not present for the design review, expressed concern that the design would not translate well on signage outside the museum and that the graphic was not strong

enough, although he stated it would be OK for print materials, letterhead, website, etc. Director Pielack explained that traffic to the museum is not dependent on outside signage at this point, but comes from distributed materials and the website. Ms. Keefer, who also was not present for the design review, liked the strong text visual for 'museum.' Other members expressed agreement with the final design in keeping with previous review.

MOTION: by Keefer, seconded by Rosso:

To approve the proposed logo design for the Birmingham Museum.

VOTE: Yeas, 4
Nays, 1

Communication and Reports

A. The Joint Bicentennial Book Committee Report was reviewed. The committee is still brainstorming and gathering information. When they have developed recommendations, those will be brought to the Museum Board

B. and C. Director Pielack presented the Director Report. Board members discussed the Allen House siding project status. Mr. Dixon explained to the board that he objected to the commissioners about the siding contract when it went before them because he feels the city has engaged in other construction projects without having architectural services properly involved, and this practice should stop. He felt the contractor providing the architect was not the proper way to do the siding project, so he objected. Other board members expressed concern that he did not bring his disagreement to the Museum Board for discussion, and in so doing, misrepresented the Board and/or reflected poorly on the board as a whole. Director Pielack clarified that as a result of his waiting until the contract came before the commission, many weeks of work were lost and this created a setback. The RFP originally was developed in September and posted in October for winter proposals to assure the best return. If there was a problem with the approach being used, the RFP could have been revised at that time. At this late stage, re-bidding the project may delay it or decrease the number of contractors who would respond when it goes out to re-bid, as it is now the height of the construction season. Mr. Dixon conceded that he could have handled it another way. Other members expressed that board disagreement is inevitable, the best way to address it is at the meetings, and that this is the expectation going forward.

Board Comments

Board comments are discussed under Communications and Reports.

Public Comments

Mr. Rinschler stated that he liked the logo design. There were no other public comments.

Mr. Dixon adjourned the meeting at 7:05 PM. Next meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2017.