



**CITY OF BIRMINGHAM
MUSEUM BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, May 2, 2019
5:00 PM**

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

Members Absent: None

Student Members Present: Meredith Weddell

Administration: Museum Director Leslie Pielack

Guests: None

Ms. Krizanic called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.

**Approval of the Minutes
Minutes of April 4, 2019**

MOTION: by Dixon seconded by Keefer:

To approve the minutes of April 4, 2019 as amended.

VOTE: Yeas, 6
Nays, 0

New Business

- A. Members were reminded about and indicated their attendance of planned Government Day breakfast on May 9. Following the Government Day breakfast, the Planning Department is scheduling a roundtable discussion group for those commissions and boards with a history focus in order to gather input for the city's current Master Plan process. The group will be held at 9:30 AM at City Hall following the breakfast.
- B. The board reviewed the dates provided in the annual meeting schedule for 2019 that was approved at the November meeting. The July 11 date alternative to July 4 was confirmed by members, and June 13 also was confirmed due to members' out of town plans. No other issues regarding our usual meeting schedule were noted.

Unfinished Business

- A. The final detail drawings for the Heritage Zone were shared with board members. The board expressed appreciation for the detail in the design, the sign design, symmetrical nature of the planned garden materials, lattice, and specified plant materials and sources. The final plan will be presented to the City Commission after

the finalization of the city's logo design, which is expected to take approximately another month or so.

Communication and Reports

Director Pielack shared two recent acquisitions of interest to the collection; 1) a book from Harry Allen's personal library with his signature in it, found by Coco Siewert, and 2) a donation of the desk, hutch, and chair that belonged to Birmingham pioneer Dr. Ziba Swan, who had the desk with him during the War of 1812 at the battlefield. Dr. Swan was a surgeon during the war and brought the desk with him to Birmingham afterward, and it has been in the Swan family ever since. It will be placed in the Hunter House and will help the museum interpret the War of 1812 more effectively. Director Pielack also shared some positive acknowledgement for the museum's Twitter page recently received from local state senators. Their interest in the museum's Twitter page has brought quite a number of new followers.

Mr. Dixon commented that he has been very pleased with the quality of the articles such as the recent one in the Birmingham Around Town eNewsletter written by Donna Casaceli on John O'Connell's Grocery Store.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on June 13, 2019 at 5:00 PM.

Ms. Krizanic adjourned the meeting at 5:51 PM