



**CITY OF BIRMINGHAM  
MUSEUM BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, August 1, 2019  
5:00 PM**

Members Present: Russ Dixon, Dan Haugen, Judith Keefer, Marty Logue

Members Absent: Tina Krizanic, Caitlin Rosso

Student Members Present: Meredith Weddell

Administration: Museum Director Leslie Pielack

Guests: None

The Museum Board chair not being in attendance, Ms. Logue was elected temporary chair and called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM

**Approval of the Minutes  
Minutes of July 11, 2019**

**MOTION:** by Dixon, seconded by Haugen:

To approve the minutes of July 11, 2019.

**VOTE:** Yeas, 4  
Nays, 0

**Unfinished Business**

A. Board members reviewed proposed museum resources to be included in the interpretive plan to accomplish the agreed-upon objectives for the plan.

The Hunter House cultural and historic resources were identified as follows:

1. Building and Site
  - a. Interior
    - i. Heritage room for visual 'scrapbook timeline' and display case; other rooms interpreted functionally
    - ii. Wall exposure
    - iii. Birmingham-related objects and artifacts whenever possible, with other furnishings as support for period interpretation
  - b. Exterior
2. Artifacts and Objects-displayed and directly interpreted (minimal labels with literature and/or QR coding)
  - a. Hunter-sleigh bells

- b. Hamilton-folding fork and knife
  - c. White pine slab
  - d. Swan desk (replace existing secretary)
  - e. Raynale portrait
  - f. Randall portrait
  - g. Fouracre oil lamp
  - h. Clizbe Melodion
  - i. Period garments, household items, and furnishings from collection as needed to support thematic objectives
3. Collection Photos/Maps/Architectural Drawings/Illustrations-virtual and physical literature and displays
    - a. Building
    - b. Site
    - c. People (see list below)
  4. Other Illustrations not in collection
    - a. First surveyor and original parcel maps and documents
    - b. Museum-generated illustrations and maps
    - c. Period illustrations
  5. Priority Stories/People
    - a. **Hunter/Willits/Hamilton families**, various
    - b. **Imri Fish, Ziba Swan** and the **Utter** murders; the **Fish** family, Greenwood Cemetery
    - c. **Ebenezer Raynale**, early Birmingham, pioneer communities and roles
    - d. **Henry Randall**, the Civil War and post-war Birmingham, moving the Hunter House
    - e. **The Fouracres**-Alice, Albert, Edna; the Titanic, DUR, Spanish flu
    - f. **Wallace Frost** at Hunter House
    - g. **Rosemary Barnhardt**, Great Depression and rental period
    - h. **Flacks** and the preservation of the Hunter House

**MOTION:** by Keefer, seconded by Dixon:

To approve the Hunter House Interpretive Plan cultural and historic resources as proposed and modified.

**VOTE:** Yeas, 4  
Nays, 0

- B. The city will be considering a final decision on a new city logo at the commission meeting scheduled for August 5, 2019, which will determine next steps in our final Heritage Zone process for approval.

### **Communication and Reports**

Director Pielack highlighted portions of the Director Report. Through the efforts of Friends member Linda Buchanan, Martha Baldwin will be inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame in November at an event to be held at Cobo Center on November 7. The library and museum will be working together on a public celebration event, and Linda and Library Director Doug Koschik will make a brief presentation to the commission. Plans for the fall lecture series have been finalized, with the theme of First Families of Birmingham. The evaluation of the pond seepage is underway, with no final outcome or recommendations as of yet. Director Pielack played a final/edited version of a complicated inventory project relating to the Hunter House that has been posted on the museum's Facebook page.

There were no board member comments.

There were no public comments.

**The next Regular Meeting will be held September 5, 2019 at 5:00 PM.**

Ms. Logue adjourned the meeting at 6:00 PM.