



**CITY OF BIRMINGHAM
MUSEUM BOARD
VIRTUAL MEETING
November 5, 2020
5:00 PM**

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

Members Absent: Dan Haugen

Administration: Museum Director Leslie Pielack

Guests: None

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

**Approval of the Minutes
Minutes of October 1, 2020**

MOTION: by Dixon, seconded by Keefer:

To approve the minutes of October 1, 2020.

VOTE: Yeas, 6
Nays, 0

Unfinished Business

- A. Members discussed the importance of implementing the 2021-2024 Strategic Plan objective of the final design for the Heritage Zone, which has been issued a Certificate of Appropriateness by the Historic District Commission. Maple Road construction has been completed and there are sufficient funds available to begin work on several priority components of the design, including installation of primary signage, modifications to the wood fencing at the Hunter House, installing gates, and planting three Pioneer elm trees. These elements would enhance the most visible areas of the landscape and demonstrate that progress on planned landscape improvements. The final design has been issued a Certificate of Appropriateness by the Historic District Commission, but has yet to be presented to the City Commission.

MOTION: by Dixon, seconded by Logue:

To begin implementation of the 2021-2024 Strategic Plan objective of the Landscape Master Plan through the installation of the primary sign, wood fencing and gates, and three Pioneer elms per the final design of the Heritage Zone as prepared by Nagy Devlin Land Designs, and to present the proposed work and final design to the City Commission.

VOTE: Yeas, 6
Nays, 0

New Business

B. The board reviewed the meeting schedule for calendar year 2021.

MOTION: by Dixon, seconded by Keefer:

To approve the 2021 meeting schedule for the Museum Board as presented.

VOTE: Yeas, 6
Nays, 0

C. The board discussed opportunities to assist the Friends with their membership campaign. Ms. Logue, who also serves on the Friends board, said the annual appeal generally goes out in late November or early December. No help is needed for mailing, but members suggested additional resources for recruiting possible new Friends members:

- Mailing and e-mailing the annual appeal to Taylor Project donors
- Mailing the annual appeal to members of the Historic District Commission, Historic District Study Committee, the Public Arts Board and the Greenwood Cemetery Advisory Board
- Particular streets or residents' houses could be targeted for membership and could also generate oral history content for the museum's archives

D. Due to a conflict with the normally scheduled Museum Board meeting of December 3, 2020, the Board considered an alternate meeting date of December 1, 2020.

MOTION: by Dixon, seconded by Keefer:

To reschedule the December 3, 2020 meeting of for the Museum Board to Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 5:00 PM.

VOTE: Yeas, 6
Nays, 0

Communication and Reports

Director Pielack reviewed the Director Report with updates on the Taylor Monument Project. Mr. Hughes has contributed to the research by locating a document that may provide evidence of the sale, as a slave, of Eliza Taylor's mother. Other research has

surfaced about possible descendants and additional information about the Taylors' house's location. Director Pielack also described the preparation of the Collections Policy, which should be available for Museum Board review at the December meeting and, if approved, could be taken to the City Commission for its review on December 7, 2020. Mr. Dixon asked for any report or information regarding the status of the pond seepage that may have been provided by Hubbell Roth and Clark, the city engineering consultant.

Ms. Krizanic complimented the museum on the Women's History tour and brochure, and would like to see more tours developed in the future. Mr. Dixon suggested that if a bike tour were to be designed, KLM bicycles in town might be asked to participate.

There were no public comments.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 1 at 5:00 PM, currently planned as a virtual meeting subject to the Governor's ongoing executive orders.

Ms. Krizanic adjourned the meeting at 6:02 PM.