



**CITY OF BIRMINGHAM  
MUSEUM BOARD  
VIRTUAL MEETING  
February 4, 2021  
5:00 PM**

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

Members Absent: Pat Hughes

Administration: Museum Director Leslie Pielack

Guests: None

Ms. Krizanic called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM.

**Approval of the Minutes  
Minutes of January 7, 2021**

**MOTION:** by Dixon, seconded by Logue:

To approve the minutes of January 7, 2021.

**VOTE:** Yeas, 5  
Nays, 0

**Unfinished Business**

- A. Museum Director Pielack shared the Long Range Plan slideshow shared with the city commission and commissioner questions and comments regarding the museum's logo design, plans for community garden fundraising, and the need for appealing seating on the north side of the Allen House. The Parks Department will be providing bistro tables and chairs for the patio in place of the picnic tables this spring.
- B. Museum Director Pielack provided an update on the GIS Database project for Greenwood Cemetery currently being undertaken by the Clerks Office, the Museum, and the Planning Department. It is expected to take several months to complete to the point of having a user-friendly online interface.

**New Business**

- A. Museum Director Pielack highlighted the expected budget requests for 21-22. In addition to normal operational funds, a paint study of the interior of the Hunter House is planned, with interior painting on the main floor and also repair and repainting of the basement area. A modest increase in hours for one staffing position is also being requested.

- B. This year's Celebrate Birmingham parade will focus on virtual presentation of the local boards and their contributions to the city. The Clerk's office will be developing a plan and the Museum Board will be contacted when more information is available.

### **Communication and Reports**

Director Pielack reviewed the Director Report with additional details about the process of taking the Window project to the Historic District Commission/Design Review Board for a Certificate of Appropriateness. The RFP for the first phase of the Heritage Zone should be posted the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week of February, which will permit a timeline for bidder review in April at the Museum Board's April meeting and hopefully approval by the Commission in time for beginning the project in May. The museum continues to work toward research into Birmingham's Black history, and has made contact with descendants of long time residents to help in understanding their stories. Board members offered ideas for discounted research service fees for members of the Friends as a benefit of their membership.

There were no board comments.

There were no public comments.

**The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 4 at 5:00 PM, currently planned as a virtual meeting.**

Ms. Krizanic adjourned the meeting at 6:11 PM.