



**CITY OF BIRMINGHAM
MUSEUM BOARD MEETING
556 W. Maple
Thursday, November 3, 2022
5:00 PM**

Members Present: Bev Erickson, Alexandra Harris, Judith Keefer, Marty Logue, Jay Shell

Members Absent: Kristy Barrett, Pat Hughes.

Administration: Museum Director Leslie Pielack

Guests: Museum Specialist Donna Casaceli; Museum Intern Justin Koch

Chairperson Logue called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

**Approval of the Minutes
Minutes of October 6, 2022**

MOTION: by Keefer, seconded by Erickson:

To approve the minutes of October 6, 2022.

VOTE: Yeas, 5
Nays, 0

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Members reviewed the Museum Board meeting schedule for 2023.

MOTION: by Erickson, seconded by Keefer:

To approve the 2023 Museum Board Meeting Schedule as proposed.

VOTE: Yeas, 5
Nays, 0

Museum Director Pielack reviewed the 2023-2024 anticipated budget, with operations and personnel remaining at current levels and larger expenditure requests including the lower level windows of the Allen House and some components of the Pond Zone landscape improvements not covered by CDBG funding. Members discussed the potential for planning fundraising activities that would help draw public interest and support to the park

and contributing to some costs, such as benches and trees. The board agreed to add an agenda item to the December meeting to discuss fundraising opportunities for the pond area in more detail. In January, the city's Long Range Planning meeting will take place and will highlight each department's direction for the coming year. The museum will emphasize public access expansion through digitization initiatives and public outreach as well as ongoing implementation of the Landscape Master Plan.

Communication and Reports

Director Pielack provided an update to the Director Report. The Underground Railroad traveling exhibit and website project has received some hopeful news but final funding should be decided in the next couple of weeks.

Chair Logue commented that the museum has come a long way since it was first established 20 years ago, and that she thinks it is amazing what the museum has accomplished and where it is going.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 1, at 5:00 PM.

Ms. Logue adjourned the meeting at 5:43 PM.