



**CITY OF BIRMINGHAM
MUSEUM BOARD MEETING
556 W. Maple
Thursday, January 4, 2024
5:00 PM**

Members Present: Kristy Barrett (Alternate), Bev Erickson, Alexandra Harris, Judith Keefer, Marty Logue
Members Absent: Caroline Ashleigh, Pat Hughes, Jay Shell
Student Members Present: Alex Motea
Administration: Museum Director Leslie Pielack
Guests: None

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Chairperson Logue.

**Approval of the Minutes
Minutes of December 7, 2023**

MOTION: by Erickson, seconded by Keefer:

To approve the minutes of December 7, 2023.

VOTE: Yeas, 5
Nays, 0

New Business

Members reviewed the museum's long range plan that will be presented to the City Commission on January 20. Each City department's long range plan identifies key projects and efforts for the coming year, and includes components related to the City Commission's goals. The museum will be focusing on a significant revision of its strategic plan and the continued implementation of its landscape master plan for the pond and Rouge area.

Museum Director Pielack presented a summary of the coming strategic plan process. The existing plan has served well over the last ten years, and the museum has been able to achieve many objectives in the plan. With ongoing change in our communities, audience, and technology, it is important to gauge the needs of our public through gathering feedback, research in best practices and the history field, and other information to plan for the next ten years. The project is expected to take approximately a year to complete to be as comprehensive as possible.

Communication and Reports

Museum Director Pielack reviewed the Director Report and provided additional detail on the number of presentations that museum staff will be giving through the Baldwin Library, Next, and also the special Saturday series for Black History Month. A major free presentation is also planned for January 31 at the Southfield Public Library that will feature the museum's five-community Underground Railroad project with a special program by

museum volunteer Joy Young on the amazing story of Southfield's freedom seeker John Sella Martin.

Member Comments

None

Public Comments

None.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 1 2024, at 5:00 PM.

Ms. Logue adjourned the meeting at 5:40 PM.