

CITY OF MANSFIELD

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Thursday, August 22, 2019

6:00 PM

Mansfield Historical Museum and Heritage Center

Historic Preservation Advisory Board

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Marty Thomas at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members present: Marty Thomas, Cindy Gardner, Carol McKenna, Chris Ohan, and James Leggs.

Board Member absent: Connie McGough

City Staff present: Museum Manager Jessica Baber, Director of Library Services Yolanda Botello

Citizens Present: Scott Bowman, Annette Hamill, and Linda Pressley

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE MEETING**

The Board discussed the minutes. The changes requested were in the Member Comment section. The annual meeting on October 12 is hosted by the Mansfield Historical Society, not the Museum and it will take place at the Great Room at the MISD Administration Building, not the High School. Carol McKenna made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. James Leggs seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

3. **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Scott Bowman introduced himself. He is on the city's Parks board and has been following the Historic Preservation Advisory Board since it was announced. He has an interest in the Man House project as it borders the Dog Park.

4. **DISCUSS POTENTIAL PROJECTS WITH THE HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION**

Jessica told the group that the Commission has appointed two members to be on the Historic Preservation Month Committee to assist with planning events for next May. Those members are Mark Walker and David Littlefield. Two members are needed from the Advisory Board to join them on the committee. Cindy Gardner and Chris Ohan volunteered to join the committee. Jessica will pass along their contact information to the Landmark Commission.

5. **DISCUSS MILL STONE AT MELLOW MUSHROOM**

Mike Leasor had planned to reach out to the Slawsons, who own the Mellow Mushroom, and see if they are interested in loaning or donating the Mill Stone to the Museum. Mike was not able to attend the meeting. Hopefully, he will be able to give his update next month

6. **MAN HOUSE MUSEUM UPDATE**

Phoenix 1 Restoration and Construction has been hired as the contractors for the Man House restoration project. They met with city staff and the architects from Tom Malone Architects and have begun drawing up plans. A portion of the siding was removed on the cabin portion of the house and the original wood is still in good condition. The

project is projected to be completed in January 2020.

Tom Leach has been volunteering to help identify historically appropriate furniture for the Museum. The collecting process is going well.

As of now, funding for phases 3 and 4 of the project are in the budget for 2020. This includes building an information center, restroom facilities, an amphitheater, and relocating cabins to the site. The final 2020 budget for the city should be approved by mid-September.

7. MUSEUM AND MAN HOUSE MISSION STATEMENTS

Jessica passed out draft mission statements for the Historical Resources Division, the Man House Museum and the Mansfield Historical Museum. She asked that everyone take a look at them over the next month and that the Board discuss them at the September meeting.

*** MUSEUM COMMITTEES**

The Museum is forming three committees to assist the staff with some of the larger projects at the Museum and Man House: a Collection Committee, and Exhibits Committee, and a Programs Committee. Jessica asked that Board members consider joining one of the Committees. So far, Cindy Gardner and James Leggs have volunteered for the Collection Committee, Chris Ohan has volunteered for the Exhibits Committee and Carol McKenna volunteered for the Programs Committee.

8. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Members have been invited to participate in listening sessions for the new downtown plan. The meetings are at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. on September 12. A letter with additional information was distributed for all Board members.

The next meeting will be September 26.

9. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned by Marty Thomas at 6:32 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

All meetings of the Historical Preservation Advisory Board and its committees are open to the public.

I certify that this agenda was posted at the main entrance of the Mansfield Historical Museum and on the city web site by 5:00 p.m., Monday, August 19, 2019, in accordance with City policy.

Jessica Baber
Museum Manager