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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 22, 2021

6:00 PM

Mansfield Historical Museum and Heritage Center

Historic Preservation Advisory Board

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Cindy at 6:04 p.m.

Board Members present:

Johnny Bratton, Cindy Gardner, Annette Hamill, Tom Leach, Connie McGough, Chris Ohan and Marty Thomas

City Staff present:

Museum Manager Jessica Baber

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Marty made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Tom seconded and all voted in favor.

3. **CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

None

4. **MAN HOUSE MUSEUM UPDATE**

The new education and engagement specialist has been hired. Her name is Amanda Brown and she has been working in South Dakota. H.R. is working on getting her start date set up. We are beginning interviews for the vacant clerk position next week.

The information center is still under construction. There is only landscaping and outdoor work to be completed, but we will not have possession of the building until that is completed and they have cleaned the interior.

The Founders' Day event is coming up in just a month. While the event planning is on track, volunteers are needed to help on the day. Jessica will create a list or sign-up sheet to send to board members. She also asked that people try to recruit others to come and volunteer. Cooling stations will be available and some jobs will be indoors.

Flyers for the event are finished. Jessica will email an electronic copy to everyone. Anyone who wants paper copies to pass out can come by the museum any time to pick some up. Advertising for the event will begin August 1.

5. **PRESERVATION PROJECTS UPDATE**

The windshield survey of the historic district is almost completed. Only three packets still need to be completed. Cindy hopes to have the project wrapped up by the end of August.

6. **MANSFIELD READS DISCUSSION**

The library has chosen News of the World by Paulette Jiles as their book for Mansfield Reads this year. The book is set in North Texas after the Civil War. Because the subject matter is so relevant, the library has reached out to see how the museum can partner with them.

The Mansfield Reads kick-off event will be at Market Street on September 16. I'll be making posters and Tom and Karen will be there in costume to talk to people about life during that time period. The evening with the Author event is October 21. Jessica was asked whether our board would be interested in having a luncheon with the author that day at the Man House. When posed to the group, the board seemed agreeable to this idea. Jessica will relay that information to the library and let the board know once there are more details.

7. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris suggested that the museum do historical book readings with authors. Jessica said it would be a good project for the new educator.

Jessica let everyone know that new cases had been delivered for the upstairs gallery. They are replacing two antique department store cases that had been given to the museum almost 20 years before. Those cases are in storage and will be sold at the city's auction. The new cases are museum quality and are one of the ways the museum will continue to upgrade its exhibit materials moving forward.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Cindy at 6:43 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

All meetings of the Historic 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 Heritage Center and the city website by 5:00 p.m., Monday, July 19, 2020, in accordance with City policy.

Jessica Baber
Museum Manager