



**CITY OF BIRMINGHAM
MUSEUM BOARD
VIRTUAL MEETING
January 7, 2021
5:00 PM**

Members Present: Russ Dixon, Pat Hughes, Tina Krizanic, Marty Logue

Members Absent: Judith Keefer, Caitlin Rosso

Administration: Museum Director Leslie Pielack

Guests: None

Ms. Krizanic called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

**Approval of the Minutes
Minutes of December 1, 2020**

MOTION: by Dixon, seconded by Logue:

To approve the minutes of December 1, 2020.

VOTE: Yeas, 4
Nays, 0

New Business

A. Members discussed the formation of a Collections Subcommittee in accordance with the newly adopted Collections Policy and procedures for future de-accession of collection items. Both Ms. Rosso and Ms. Keefer have indicated to Director Pielack that they are interested in serving on the subcommittee. Ms. Logue added that she was interested in serving on the subcommittee as well. No other members indicated interest in participating on the subcommittee.

MOTION: by Dixon, seconded by Hughes:

To appoint Judith Keefer, Marty Logue, and Caitlin Rosso to serve on the Museum Board Collections Subcommittee.

VOTE: Yeas, 4
Nays, 0

Communication and Reports

Director Pielack reviewed the Director Report with additional details about the upcoming Long Range Planning meeting presentation and planned painting work at the Hunter House for 2021-2022. RFPs for the Heritage Zone work and the Allen House

windows will be posted as soon as possible to facilitate the optimum response from contractors. In addition, the donor for the diseased pear tree in front of the Allen House has enthusiastically supported the replacement of his donation tree with the Pioneer elm tree. Director Pielack also clarified that Museum Board membership in the Friends of the Birmingham Museum is required only of a majority of Museum Board members, not 100% of members, as mentioned in the Director Report. Friends membership renewals are in process, and Ms. Logue reported that many are new members, and additional donations have also been received, that the Friends will be placing in a dedicated account for the landscape master plan.

Mr. Dixon commented that the design for the support for the permanent sign as approved with the Heritage Zone may result in a footing that exceeds the necessary (below ground) support for a sign of this nature. He proposed that when the project goes out to bid, an alternate plan for the foundation can be requested from the bidding contractors. This will allow the project to go forward while also potentially offering a cost-saving alternative at the construction phase, with consultation with the landscape architect. The board agreed with this approach by consensus. Ms. Krizanic suggested that the museum's Long Range Plan presentation include an emphasis on continuing the museum's successful virtual content.

There were no public comments.

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

Ms. Krizanic adjourned the meeting at 6:00 PM.