

Historic Resources and Museum Advisory Board (HRMAB)
August 28th 2013

The next HRMAB meeting will be on Thursday September 26th at 4pm at the COR Museum.

In attendance-

Board Members: Barbara Freedman, Ed Morris, Treva Jones, Joe Mobley, Al Brothers, Edna Rich-Ballentine, Nick Fountain, Greg Paul, Tom Ward, and Dwight Coleman

Excused Absent: Melissa Hockaday, Cyrus Stacy

PRGAB Representative: Amy Simes

Staff: Troy Burton, Erin Campo, Brynn Hoffman, and Kim Puryear

The regular meeting of the Historic Resources and Museum Advisory Board held at the Tucker House on 8/28/13 was brought to order by chair Nick Fountain at 6:03 pm.

The July minutes were approved by acclamation.

Mr. Fountain asked for the HRM Program Report. Mr. Burton reported that the program area purchased a new trolley. To offset the cost the trolley rental rate will go up to \$100 an hour from \$75 an hour.

Mr. Burton noted that the FY 2014 budget for the HRM program is little over \$500,000- an eight percent increase. Included in the budget is a new full time position: Collection Specialist. Erin Campo is serving in this new role. Her new contact information is: Office Address| 222 W. Hargett St, Suite 608, Phone 919.996.4820, Fax 919.996.7618, Email erin.campo@raleighnc.gov. The Historic Sites' Manager position is vacant. Brynn Hoffman is currently serving as the acting manager.

Mr. Burton then spoke about the Danielson property. The abatement is 20% complete. Interior demolition is 75% complete. In the multipurpose room the footing has been poured and the subfloors will be going in. If anyone is curious or interested feel free to contact Troy or Brynn and you can take a tour of the building and progress.

Mr. Burton gave an update on the Borden Abatement. The abatement and asbestos is off the house. The project is 95% complete, and should be done Friday September 6th. Mr. Brothers asked if the lead paint was encapsulated. Mr. Burton explained that it was removed.

Mr. Burton then spoke about the R3 Exhibit at the COR museum. The board and donor private reception will be Thursday September 26th at 5:30pm. The R3 exhibit replaces the old timeline exhibit and is a \$100,000 project; \$50,000 was funded by the City of Raleigh and \$50,000 was raised by privately.

Kimberly Puryear gave an update for museums. She noted that the museum opened a new exhibit in July on the history of the Briggs Building. In addition to the R3 exhibit opening in September, the media exhibit will be revamped. The Museum will be involved with Raleigh Main Event during the month of September, including Hopscotch and SPARKcon. The museum is supporting or hosting 12 public events in September.

Brynn Hoffman gave the report for sites. The trolley sold out several weekends in July. Sites participated in the 4th of July celebration at the State Capitol. The trolley was rented seven times in July. Mordecai was rented three times. There were no rentals at the Tucker House. There was one rental at the Borden Building before construction started. The Borden Building is booked every available weekend in September, October, and November.

Mr. Fountain then moved the board on to Old Business. The five members of the board whose one year terms are up in September are, Mr. Brother, Mr. Coleman, Ms. Jones, Mr. Paul and Mr. Stacey. Those five members are willing to be reappointed to a two year term. Mr. Burton will notify the City Clerk they are open to reappointment.

A new chair and vice chair will be elected in October. Greg Paul will sit in with Ed Morris on the nominating committee. They will put forward a slate in September to be elected in October. Ms. Jones asked if there is any reason the current chair and vice chair cannot be reelected. Mr. Fountain noted this was an option.

The board then moved on to the HRM Collections policy. Mr. Morris asked if there were any suggestions or revisions. Mr. Burton directed the board to page 13. The collection policy states that when a de-accession occurs with proceeds, the proceeds will go back into the collection. The city does not have that written into municipal code. The City's current code requires the profit from surplus items going into the general obligation budget. The state has wording in the general statute to allow the sale of cultural items to go back into the cultural resources budget. This is being pursued with the City Attorney. Mr. Ward moved that the collections policy be accepted. The policy was approved unanimously, and the policy will now go to the City Attorney.

The board then moved on to the annual report to be submitted to the City Council regarding the accomplishments of the HRMAB. This was routed to the communications committee. Mr. Brothers presented an outline for the annual report. Mr. Brothers will send the outline to the board members, and work on scheduling a meeting. All members of the board who are interested in this project are welcome to join the communications committee on this project. Mr. Ward asked about the timeline for this project. Mr. Fountain said the goal is to complete the report in September to get it to the council in October. The board then adjourned to committees.

Dwight Coleman reported for the Program Committee. Mr. Coleman spoke about the commemorative sign project at the Latta House and University Site. The sign base was installed in July. A program was conducted along with the installation giving students the opportunity to learn about the site and the trades that were taught at the university including masonry. The plaque was later installed and there will be a ribbon cutting on Saturday October 5th from 6-8pm. All members of the board are encouraged to attend. Latta will also be represented at the African American Cultural Festival (AACF) this weekend on Fayetteville Street. The AACF is on Saturday August 31st from 11-6pm, and on Sunday the 1st from 1-6pm. Mr. Coleman then reported on volunteer recognition. Ms. Hockaday, Mr. Coleman and Ms. Puryear are working on framing the volunteer banquet and they will make a recommendation to the board next month.

Mr. Fountain asked when the master plan project for Latta is scheduled to begin. Mr. Burton reported that master plan funding is scheduled for 2016. Ms. Rich-Ballentine asked if there was a possibility the master plan funding process could be accelerated. Mr. Fountain suggested the program committee look into that possibility.

Mr. Brothers gave the report for the communication committee. Mr. Brothers noted that a list of possible adjunct members was submitted a few months ago. Mr. Fountain said the board had approved the list in concept, and these names should be run through the nominating committee. Mr. Brothers will send the outline for the annual report to the board and asked all members to review it. There will be both a formal and printed presentation- ten minutes verbal and 3 pages report. The objective of this report is to inform City Council.

Treva Jones presented the report for the collections committee. Now that the program's collections policy has been approved, staff will be working on each sties' collection policies identifying specific site needs. Staff is working on cataloging over 2,000 artifacts from an excavation done at the Latta site in 2009. Other projects include an appraisal at the Pope House, cataloguing the books at the Mordecai house, and accessioning the non-CAP items at Mordecai. Ms. Jones shared a list of conservators compiled as a resource for collections, and asked that board members share contacts for any other conservators they know. A letter will be sent to CAP about renewing the loan agreement. Staff is also working on the loan agreements with the Andrew Johnson National Historic Site, and the Badger Iredell Foundation.

The board then moved on to discuss new business. Mr. Fountain reminded board of the upcoming City Council elections. He encouraged board members to stay involved with this process.

Ms. Rich-Ballentine asked the group to put the Mount Hope Cemetery tour on October 5th at 10am on their calendars. The rain date is October 12th. Mr. Fountain requested that a list of upcoming events be added to the agenda in the future.

Ms. Hoffman noted that Haunted Mordecai will be on October 26th and the Haunted Trolley will be on the 19th, 25th, and 31st. Tickets are already selling well, and will likely sell out.

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There being no other business the board adjourned at 7:45pm.