

Event: Historic Resources and Museum Advisory Board (HRMAB) Meeting **Details:** Wednesday, June 22, 2016; 6:00PM; Mordecai Visitor Center

Attendance:

- HRM Advisory Board: Fred Belledin, Jannette Coleridge-Taylor, Barbara Freedman, Nick Fountain, Treva Jones, Joe Mobley, Ed Morris
- HRM Staff: Troy Burton, Ernest Dollar, Brynn Hoffman, Emma Krebs, Greg Thompson, Scott Payne
- Community Members: Bill Jones

Excused Absent:

- HRM Advisory Board: Al Brothers, Amy Simes, Tom Ward, Andy Witcher
- HRM Staff: Marvin Howell, Jenna Kostka, Douglas Porter

Unexcused Absent:

• HRM Advisory Board: Dwight Coleman, Melissa Hockaday

1. Call to Order, Welcome and Public Comment, Barbara Freedman: HRMAB Chair Barbara Freedman called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

2. Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Freedman directed the Board to review the draft minutes from Wednesday, May 25, 2016 and asked for any comments or corrections. No corrections were recommended, so Nick Fountain motioned to approve the minutes and Treva Jones seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by acclamation.

3. HRM Program Reports, Staff:

Greg Thompson, Assistant Manager/Programs of Historic Attractions:

- Over 4000 attended Letterland, which remains the biggest revenue day of the year. 113 volunteers assisted with programming.
- Pullen Park is approaching one million dollars in revenue for FY2016, which would be a first.
- The Summer Concert Series is going well attending each Sunday gives visitors a tour of the parks.
- This is the last board meeting for Mr. Thompson; his final day will be July 6, as he is moving to Roanoke, VA.

Brynn Hoffman, Assistant Manager of Historic Sites

- Dr. Porter is back at work part time during his parental leave.
- May/June is no longer a quiet period as field trips have continued to be booked, largely by year-round schools and camps.
- Summer camp programming is off to a good start
 - o History on the Move (held at Mordecai) is full for the summer.
 - o Hardware History at COR Museum still has slots available.
 - Wonderful camp leaders coming from PRCR, Wake County Schools, and local colleges.
 - School age kids continue to be a key demographic for outreach.
- Summer remains a busy season for Saturday Trolley tours, which have been selling out regularly.
- June is also wedding season, with back-to-back weekend rentals at all sites –
 particularly Borden.
- The Mordecai Story opening reception will be held August 11 at 6:00pm. Invitations have gone out to all current members.
- Mr. Fountain asked about the response to the Mordecai Square Associates membership letter.
 - Mr. Burton replied that 200 letters went out, with 42 responses as of now.
 - The Chair suggested that all board members consider joining the association; Mr. Burton clarified that there is no requirement of membership to serve on the board.

Ernest Dollar, COR Museum Director

- The vacant positions of Assistant Director and Friends of the COR Museum Administrator have been posted; interviews will take place in the coming weeks.
- June is a slow month for educational programs at the museum.
- On June 6 the museum held a program on the City of Raleigh flag featuring lectures by Joe Mobley and Paige Myers.
 - The conservation assessment of the flag was filmed and broadcast by RTN. The chair noted that she had seen this program air.
- On July 1, *The People's Politics* permanent exhibit, and *Make Your Mark*, an exhibit with the Wake County Board of Elections will open with a ribbon cutting at 4:00pm.
- The new edition of the *Raleigh Register* is on its way to subscribers.

4. Chair's Report

- The April issue of Our State Magazine has a piece about Pullen Park with a Junior Historian speaking on about a possible connection to the initial Pullen Park carousel renovation.
- Ms. Freedman attended the annual meeting of the Wake County Historical Society at Haywood Hall. The society has inducted a new president.

- Further discussion took place regarding the mission of the society being more general than focusing on specific municipalities.
- Several members agreed that there is currently no volunteer-led history association for the city of Raleigh.
- Dix Park Over 400 applications were received for the Dix Park Planning committee. Selections will be announced in July, in the form of recommendations to City Council (40-50 members). There is growing enthusiasm for the project, with upcoming events including:
 - o A drawing/painting day on 6/18
 - Destination Dix festival featuring Chatham County Line on 7/23
- Conversation occurred about a historic property on the corner of New Bern and East. Ms. Coleridge-Taylor and Mr. Belledin indicated it is the Tarlton House, built in 1914, which moved from North Harrington Street to a new lot on New Bern.

(More: http://www.newsobserver.com/news/local/article61507647.html)

5. Old Business:

a) HRMAB Board Responsibility Statement

• Board members are instructed to sign this document if they have not done so.

6. New Business:

a) Vote for New HRMAB Officers

 Mr. Fountain, chair of the Nominating Committee, gave a recommendation to vote to approve the slate of candidates to be transitioned at the July meeting. This motion out of committee was approved by acclamation. (See Nominating Committee report)

b) HRMAB Annual Meeting reminder

• July will be the Annual Meeting of the board, to include dinner, an annual report, and the board transition.

Other Business

- Ms. Coleridge-Taylor attended the Vernacular Architecture Conference, which
 consisted of several local site visits including to a Durham tobacco farm,
 Quaker homes in Alamance and Guilford counties, and to see the Saxapahaw
 mill renovation, which is an event venue and condominium.
 - Conversation with another attendee from San Juan, Puerto Rico revolved around the difficult task of preserving Old San Juan and other historic sites during the financial struggles/bankruptcy.
- Mr. Fountain has been named one of North Carolina's Super Lawyers. The Board extended its congratulations.
- Mr. Burton encouraged all staff and board members to attend the wonderful slate of events taking place this summer.

7. Committee Reports

a) Nominating – Nick Fountain

- The committee nominates Ed Morris for the position of Chair and Fred Belledin for the position of Vice Chair.
- Will meet again to prepare slate of new replacements for terms ending later in 2016.
- **b)** Collections No meeting of the Collections Committee was held.

c) Community Engagement – Jannette Coleridge-Taylor

- Several textual edits will be made to the Mordecai exhibit before opening
- Mordecai membership letters have been sent out

d) Program/Exhibits - Fred Belledin

Review is taking place of a draft of the new exhibit review process. The
committee is making final edits and looking to approve. The goal is to
present the plan to the full board in July, then vote to approve in August.

e) Executive - Barbara Freedman

- The June 27 City Council meeting will include a vote on the resignation of Andy Witcher and replacement with Clare Bass.
- The committee discussed a possible future presentation to the board about HRM Collections. This may take place as a part of the development by the Collections Committee of the Collecting Plan.

8. Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Time	Location
COR Member lecture - Karl Larson	Wed., 6/22	6:00pm	COR Museum
Concert – Miss Mini	Thur., 6/26	6:00pm	Chavis Park
The People's Politics Ribbon Cutting	Fri., 7/1	4:00pm	COR Museum
Concert – Raleigh Jazz Orchestra	Sun., 7/10	6:00pm	Fletcher Park
Playdate – Beach Fun	Mon., 7/11	10-11:30am	Pullen Park
Night at the Museum Kids Programs	Fri., 7/15	5, 6:30, 8pm	COR Museum
Concert – <i>Triangle Taiko</i>	Sun., 7/17	6:00pm	Fletcher Park
Concert - Nixon, Blevins, & Gage	Sun., 7/24	4:00pm	Lake Johnson
The Mordecai Story Opening Event	Thur., 8/11	6:00pm	Mordecai

9. Meeting Reminders

Meeting	Date	Time	Location
Collections Committee	Wed., 7/20	4:00pm	Mordecai
Community Engagement	Wed., 7/13	5:15pm	Y,M,&H, P.A.
Nominating Committee	TBD	TBD	
Program and Exhibit Committee	Tue., 7/12	5:00pm	COR Museum
Executive Committee	Fri., 7/22	8:00am	Mordecai
Annual HRMAB Meeting	Wed., 7/27	6:00pm	Mordecai

^{*}All meetings of HRMAB Committees are open to the public.

10. Adjournment, Barbara Freedman:Ms. Freedman adjourned the meeting at 7:15pm.