

MINUTES
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2016

PRESENT:	Jan Blair	STAFF:	Derrick Birdsall, Historical Park Supt.
	Gretchen Cash		
	Ron Doerler		
	Kellie Gallop		Jamie Rigsby, Curator
	Bitsy Laney		
	Kay Lynn Lyon	GUESTS:	Clare Connally
	Roger McKemie		Marjorie Cutler
	Barbara Sisserson – Honnoll		
	Beth Wood		

EXCUSED ABSENCE:
Scott Ames
Patsy Mayo

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. with Roger McKemie presiding.

APPROVED MINUTES: Gretchen Cash moved to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2015 Board meeting. Barbara Sisserson-Honnoll seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: After discussion, Barbara Sisserson-Honnoll, Gretchen Cash and Jan Blair volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee. They will present a slate of officers at the next meeting.

PARK ANNIVERSARIES: Staff reported that 2016 is the 30th Anniversary of the Historical Park and the 160th birthday of the Gilbert House. There will be a “birthday party” at the Family Star Party this summer on July 8th and the Park Superintendent will take on the role of Dr. Gilbert in the Gilbert House during the Bluegrass event in October.

WITNESS TO HISTORY: Barbara Sisserson – Honnoll discussed Farmers Branch First Baptist Church and their upcoming award on February 2nd and invited the Board to come help recognize the church at the Council meeting. In addition, Barbara mentioned the church would be having a reception (just down the street from City Hall) right after their presentation and that the Board would be invited to attend.

UPCOMING EVENTS: The schedule of upcoming events was included in the Board’s packet and discussed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. COLLECTIONS: Jamie Rigsby was on hand to discuss her report that was included in the Board packet. Jamie also shared images of the Gilbert family Bible and Gilbert journals with the

Board. In addition, Jamie brought items that were discovered beneath the floorboards of the Gilbert House; each one helping staff to further learn and share information about the house to Park visitors.

B. FINANCIAL: Copies included in Board packet. The balances are as follows:

Board (Travel, dues, etc.)	\$3,300.00
Wardrobe	\$2,000.00
Museum Store	\$2,499.09

C. PLANNING/EDUCATION CENTER: Bitsy Laney presented the report from the Planning Committee. She and Scott Ames met several times since the Board last met – once with Derrick Birdsall and once with John Land in addition to meeting independently as well. Bitsy informed the Board that she had learned there will be two bond elections, one in May for Public Safety and then another one later in the year. Both Bitsy and Marj Cutler put in applications to be on the new bond committee. The City will hire a consultant to determine the best use of Hotel/Motel money that is not already dedicated somewhere else and the consultant will likely interview the Board and staff. A planning retreat needs to be held for the Board in the March/April timeframe this year.

D. FRIENDS:

Bitsy Laney reported that there will be a spring event for the Friends of the Historical Park at the Dr. Pepper StarCenter on April 30th. All were encouraged to join the Friends if not already a member and participate in the event. Clare Connally discussed particulars; notably that members of the Friends' officers were meeting to have a taste test of potential food for the event and that the theme will be "Jazz it Up". The fabulous Lynna will be playing jazz tunes on the piano. The Board discussed how best to encourage new members to join and how to get the word out.

E. ORAL HISTORY: No Report.

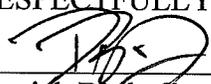
F. MUSEUM EDUCATION: A copy of the Education Report is included in the Board's packet.

G. MUSEUM STORE: A copy of the Museum Store report is included in the packet.

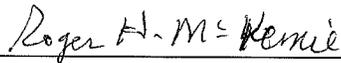
DIRECTORS REPORT: A copy of the Director's Report was included in the Board packet.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Derrick Birdsall



Roger McKemie, Board Chair