

Minutes
Manassas Historic Resources Board
September 5, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting
Manassas Museum

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Rob Fisher at 7:00 p.m.

Determination of a Quorum:

A majority of the board is present.

Board Members in Attendance: Dave Button, Lyshawn Dean, Rob Fisher, Connie Gilman, Robert Keller, Don Wilson, Joseph Hanlin, Mark Olsen

Honorary Board Members in Attendance: Sue Parker

Board Members Absent:

City Council Member Liaison: Ken Elston, Council Member – Not Present

Museum Staff in Attendance: Mary Helen Dellinger, Curator

Community Development Staff: Elizabeth Via-Gossman, Director of Community Development

Approval of Minutes of July 11, 2017:

Joe Hanlin moved to approve the minutes as written, and Dave Button seconded the motion. The chairman opened the floor for discussion. There was no further discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair's Comments:

Rob Fisher welcomed everyone back from the August break. He reported that board member Steve Thomas has resigned his position and asked suggestions for new board members be brought forward.

Council Comments: Ken Elston – Not present, no report.

Director's Report:

Liz Via-Gossman requested that each board member sign and return the Code of Conduct. This document is required of all staff and citizens serving on committees and boards within the City.

An update was provided on the Library/Museum project. A sub-committee will be put together at some point in the future but first Prince William County has to look at cost options. While the County is doing that work, Museum staff will be working with consultants on how the museum lawn will get used. A meeting is being set up for November 4. A notice will come out for that.

The feedback on the cancellation of the recent Civil War weekend was appreciated. We are still hearing from the public. Discussion followed on ways to improve upon Civil War weekend for next year.

Annual reports were distributed and discussed.

Rob Fisher requested an update on Liberia. Liz Via-Gossman has spoken with the new Purchasing Director. He has everything he needs to put the bid for the next phase on the street and will be doing so next week.

Old Business:

Mary Helen Dellinger gave a presentation on the first concept of the Immersive Room. Discussion followed with several suggestions being put forward for ways to improve the concept and make the space a dynamic exhibit for visitors to enjoy. Mary Helen will meet with Capitol Museum Services next week and go over everything and a new concept will be prepared for us. Mary Helen will also email a copy of this presentation to all members of the HRB.

New Business:

Liz Via-Gossman reported that citizens have asked City Council to put an historic district overlay on the Annaburg Manor property. Council will take this up at a work session on September 12.

The landscaping at the Jennie Dean Memorial will be upgraded next year. Staff will be looking at plantings, parking and the possible placement of a statue of Jennie Dean. This reinterpretation of the space will focus on education. Discussion followed on what this might look like.

Mary Helen Dellinger announced the opening of our new exhibition, *The Forgotten World War: Its Impact At Home* for October 6 at 6 PM. She encouraged everyone to attend. Invitations will be mailed out soon.

Close of Business:

Rob Fisher asked for any other business. No further business was brought forward.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 3 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

Dave Button moved to adjourn the meeting and Lyshawn Dean seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The meeting ended at 8:35 p.m.



Rob Fisher, Chairman



Date