



**CITY OF BIRMINGHAM  
MUSEUM BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, March 15, 2018  
5:00 PM**

Members Present: Russell Dixon, Tina Krizanic, Marty Logue, Caitlin Rosso

Student Members Present: Joy Tenjeras (arrived at 5:30 PM)

Members Absent: James Cunningham, Lori Eaton, Judith Keefer

Administration: Museum Director Leslie Pielack

Guests: None

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

**Approval of the Minutes  
Minutes of February 1, 2018**

**MOTION:** by Dixon, seconded by Logue:

To approve the minutes of February 1, 2018, as amended.

**VOTE:** Yeas, 4  
Nays, 0

**Minutes of February 15, 2018  
Special Meeting**

**MOTION:** by Dixon, seconded by Logue:

To approve the minutes of February 1, 2018, as amended.

**VOTE:** Yeas, 4  
Nays, 0

**Minutes of February 20, 2018  
Special Meeting**

**MOTION:** by Dixon, seconded by Logue:

To approve the minutes of February 1, 2018, as amended.

**VOTE:** Yeas, 4  
Nays, 0

## Announcements

In acknowledgement of the recent passing of former Museum Board member Gretchen Maricak, Ms. Krizanic offered the opportunity for honoring and remembering Gretchen and her many contributions to the museum. Board members shared their experiences and Mr. Dixon displayed two of Gretchen's last art pieces that depicted the Allen and Hunter Houses. Her work will be offered to Wayne State University for consideration to be accessioned into their collection.

## Unfinished Business

A. The board discussed the importance of re-instating the book committee, with a task of developing an actual publication plan. We have two consultants who are willing to work with the Museum Board in establishing a proposal and cost estimate. The expected timetable for the book would not be possible in connection with the bicentennial, but it could be approached as a stand-alone project. The book subcommittee could pull the information together with the help of the consultants so the Museum Board could consider next steps. Ideally, the same members of the subcommittee would participate. Museum Director Pielack will contact subcommittee members to determine their interest before the next museum board meeting in April.

B./New Business A. Bicentennial events planned in the next year include the Celebrate Birmingham parade, a possible fall bicentennial-themed garden party here at the museum, and the Museum Board set Saturday, May 12, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to hold a special reception/open house to celebrate the exhibit, with cheese and crackers, lemonade and cookies. The reception can include a ceremony at 2 p.m., thanking each contributor to the exhibit display perhaps with a certificate and/or token of appreciation, such as a Book of Birmingham and/or free Friends membership for the remainder of the year. One or more city commissioners could present the certificates. Commissioners, other commission and board members, contributors, and panel subjects could be invited with postcards; otherwise the public in general could be invited through the usual announcements, press release, etc. In addition, some discussion of the proposed September garden party took place; Museum Director Pielack confirmed that the Farmer's Market would not pose a conflict with a 1 p.m. event here, as the crowds have usually thinned. A possible walk from the Farmer's Market to the museum as a kick off was mentioned, with stations at each landscape zone location and opportunities for family activities.

### **Preliminary Bicentennial Event timeline:**

- Thursday, April 12, Baldwin Library Presents Bicentennial Themed "Human Library" event
- Thursday, April 19, Pam DeWeese presentation at Library as part of bicentennial lecture series, 7 PM
- Saturday, May 5, Greenwood Cemetery Tour (Pioneers)
- Saturday, May 12, Bicentennial Exhibit/Public Reception at Museum, 1-4 PM
- August ?, Bicentennial Walking/Driving Tour
- September ?, Bicentennial Museum Garden Party Charity Event for Landscape
- December 1-2, Birmingham's Bicentennial at the Winter Markt

## **New Business**

- A. Exhibit Reception/Open House is addressed under Unfinished Business B.

## **Communication and Reports**

- A. Museum Director Pielack reviewed her report and also announced that the city commission voted to accept the 2018 Birmingham Museum Master Landscape Plan on March 12.
- B. Mr. Dixon mentioned that architect Minoru Yamasaki's parents are believed to be interred at Greenwood Cemetery.
- C. There were no public comments.

The next regular meeting will be **April 5, 2018 at 5:30 PM.**

Ms. Krizanic adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.