

Minutes
Manassas Historic Resources Board
October 2, 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, Robert Keller, Mark Olsen, Jill Pascale, Don Wilson

Honorary Board Members in Attendance: Suzanne Parker

Board Members Absent: Connie Gilman, Joseph Hanlin

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

Museum Staff in Attendance: Jean Griffith, Administrative Associate

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

Approval of Minutes of September 5, 2017:

Dave Button moved to approve the minutes as written, and Robert Keller 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 recently appointed member Jill Pascale to the board. Each board member introduced themselves and Ms. Pascale talked about her background. Mr. Fisher announced the WWI exhibit opening on Friday and highlighted other related weekend events. Ms. Parker reported enjoying the Coffee with the Curator event that was presented by Curator Mary Helen Dellinger and the Prince William County Historic Preservation Division.

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

Director's Report: Elizabeth Via-Gossman

Ms. Via-Gossman reported that the bids are out for the Liberia restroom project and that spring 2018 is the projected completion date. A dedication ceremony for the Jennie Dean memorial sign funded by Bill Olson is scheduled for October 22, and the Board was encouraged to attend. At that time a landscape plan for the Jennie Dean Memorial should be available. The Library/Museum project is on hold while the county is reviewing the proposed project. Mr. Olsen asked about the Albert Speiden House and Ms. Via-Gossman responded that this fall the Land Use Committee will review the possible sale of the property and its return to its heirs.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Annual Work Plan

The staff is currently working on projects involving Liberia, the Manassas Industrial School/Jennie Dean Memorial, Speiden House, and the Library/Museum. Ms. Via-Gossman asked for the Board's input on future projects, and members expressed an interest in:

- Visiting and evaluating all of the historic sites
- Reviewing the Strategic Plan in a year
- Fund raising with historical house plaques
- Raising additional funds for the Manassas Industrial School/Jennie Dean Memorial


The consensus of the board was to review and update the facilities manual and to start work on revitalizing the Manassas Industrial School/ Jennie Dean Memorial.

Close of Business:

No further business was brought forward. The next meeting is scheduled for November 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

Dave Button moved to adjourn the meeting and Don Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The meeting ended at 7:50 p.m.



Rob Fisher, Chairman



Date