

BOARD MINUTES
A. W. PERRY HOMESTEAD MUSEUM

January 30, 2018

The A. W. Perry Homestead Museum Board met at Crosby Recreation Center, at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, January 30, 2018.

Present: Tammi Hennegan, Judy Scamardo, Charles W. Thrasher, Marjorie Lambert, Terri Williams (Family Member), Councilman Young Sung (Council liaison), and Cody Scallions (City liaison)

Absent: Lark Tribble, Thomas Williams, Rachel Lewis, and Michael Vertz

1. Call to Order
 - a. Mr. Thrasher calls meeting to order at 7:00pm.
2. Review and Approve Previous Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve October 24, 2017 minutes made by Ms. Scamardo with corrections made by Ms. Hennegan, motion seconded by Ms. Hennegan.
 - b. Vote-Motioned passes 5-0
3. Election of officers: Chairman, Vice Chairman
 - a. Chairman
 - i. Mr. Thrasher has been nominated by City Council
 - ii. Vote-Motion passes 5-0
 - b. Vice chairman
 - i. Mrs. Scamardo makes a motion to nominate Thomas Williams, Mrs. Hennigan seconds.
 - ii. Vote-Motion passes 5-0
4. Deaccession Discussion
 - a. Mr. Scallion discussed two items that the museum is proposing for deaccession, and the reason they are being proposed for deaccession. The two items that are proposed for deaccession are a sideboard and secretary that are not original to the house. Mr. Scallions proposes deaccession for both of these items, after deaccession Mr. Scallions proposes that the items be taken to the city so that we may obtain permission to sell them. Any money gained by the sale of these items would go into the museum financial account.
 - i. Ms. Scamardo makes a motion for deaccession of the sideboard, motion seconded by Ms. Hennigan. Vote passes 5-0
 - ii. Ms. Williams's motions for deaccession of the secretary, Ms. Scamardo seconds. Vote passes 5-0.
5. Homestead Landscape Project Update

- a. Mr. Scallions gave update on Landscape project, Phases I and II. Phase I included expansion and widening of the sidewalks, addition of a patio on the back of the house, and squared off walk paths. Structure around the well was torn down so original well can be seen. A mesh covering has been put in place to protect visitors. Phase II is being discussed with the landscaping company, it will include a replanting of the backyard, and expansion of the vegetable garden area. Phase II will begin in February with Irrigation lines being repaired and/or replaced by the Parks and Recreation Department.
6. Discussion on Garden at the museum
 - a. Mr. Scallions gave update on the garden at the museum. Mr. Scallions is looking to expand this, but this will need to be coordinated with Parks and Recreation.
7. Discussion on the windmill
 - a. Mr. Scallions gave an update on the state of the windmill. The windmill is operational, but is left locked unless an event is going on.
8. Discussion on the Barn
 - a. Ms. Scamardo asked about the state of the barn, and any future plans for the barn.
 - b. Mr. Scallions is looking for federal and state grants to help with restoration. The Barn itself is not historic because it is a replica built in 1986, and as such it has been difficult to find applicable grants.
9. Discussion on changes in layout to Landscape Design
 - a. Mr. Scallions discussed the changes to the layout. The biggest change was the layout of the bricks because of the expansion of the sidewalk. All of the plants will be Texas native plants.
10. Update on Museum Programs Past and Upcoming
 - a. Ms. Lambert asked about attendance for the events.
 - b. Mr. Scallions gave an update on past programs.
 - i. October Pumpkin Patch estimated 372 attendances. Paranormal Porch program approximately 83 people attended. Movie on the lawn approximately 62 people attended.
 - c. Mr. Scallions gave an update on the Old fashioned Christmas estimated that 650 people attended.
 - d. Mr. Scallions gave an update on the upcoming February 10th Victorian Valentine program. Currently, 13 couples have signed up for the event. A portable dance floor will be set up at the Perry and the dance instructors will teach from the front veranda. The New Horizons Jazz band will be providing the entertainment. In the case of inclement weather, we will set up heating lamps and pop up tents.
 - e. Mr. Scallions gave an update on the Mother's day Concert. It will be held on Saturday, May 12. There will be picnic basket contest and the Dixie Swing Band will perform.
 - f. Mr. Scallions discussed Spring Blooms. This year the museum will charge a nominal sitting fee. Visitors will sign up and pay for a time slot. Prices are \$10 and \$12 for non-residents. Visitors will receive one free digital photo, but more photos will be available for purchase from the photographer.

- g. Mr. Scallions discussed Movie on the Lawn. Movie on the Lawn will be on June 3rd. We will be showing the 1960's version of *Little Shop of Horrors*. Trying to pair the movies with the program. There will be a garden program and then they will show the movie.
- h. Mr. Scallions discussed June 10th at Elm Fork; there will be a Nature Day at Elm Fork. Nothing is scheduled for July or August due too summer weather.

11. Discussion on Gazebo funds

- a. Mr. Walker discussed that on February 6th Mr. Roppolo will be meeting with City Council in work session to get gazebo funds. Right now we have \$25,000 and we need \$25,000 more before concrete and wood go up.

12. Q&A:

- a. Ms. Williams asked about Museum Board Strategic Plan. There is no update at this time.

13. Conclusion

- a. Mr. Thrasher calls meeting to close at 8:09 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Cody Scallions, Curator/Staff Liaison



Charles W. Thrasher, Chair