

City Board Meeting of the Fairhope Museum of History  
January 3, 2018

In Attendance:

Catherine King – Museum Docent & Board Member

Abby Dunlap – Museum Docent & Board Member

Donnie Barrett, Director – Fairhope Museum of History

Darby Wiik, Museum Assistant – Fairhope Museum of History

4:06pm - Donnie discussed putting up a new exhibit called “Now and Then.” He said the current one is good too, so he’s feeling torn but he wants to move forward. He said he wants to know if the group thinks it’s a good idea. The group said they thought it was a good idea and encouraged him to move forward with it.

Last meeting was October 2, 2017. Abby motioned to accept the minutes. Catherine gave a second. Minutes were accepted.

Accession sheet was reviewed including new items that came in mid to late 2017 and need to be approved for accession. Donnie explained to the group that when something is given to the Friends it becomes City property. If we ever want to de-accession it in the future, it must go down to the Purchasing department as there is a process for this.

Catherine asked if the pot sherds the Museum received from University South Alabama will need to be accessioned. Donnie said the material had not gone through the accession process yet and that yes, we will need to add the Fly Creek architectural material to the list of items to be accessioned.

Catherine made a motion to accept the list of accessions. Abby gave a second.

Donnie discussed the project that Taylor Lawhon, intern, will be doing. Taylor will be assembling a sample of a work from the architectural dig site. There will be an exhibit including a schematic of a groundhog kiln in front of the current Clay City exhibit on the first floor.

Darby provided a list of things the Museum accomplished in the past two months. The group agreed it was a sizeable amount of work / progress. Darby mentioned a few 10-year anniversary ideas including a time capsule or an E.B. Gaston statue. Darby said she would like to call and get an estimate from artists re the statue. The group agreed it would be good to look into this.

Donnie discussed issues he has had with a historical survey that was done of Fairhope. He said it is full of errors but he either has a read-only copy or there is something wrong with the interfacing because when he tries to type / correct the material the fields become long, narrow boxes and he can’t work with it. Darby offered to get in touch with the source to see if we can make progress in this area.

Meeting was adjourned ~4:35pm.

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