

Museum Committee Meeting Minutes 01/18/2022

Location: Remote, via Zoom

Present: Maddi McGraw (Curator), Mindy Linder (Community/Outreach), Adam Howard, Megan England, Jenna Fribley, Tara Puyat, Matthew Auxier, Stacy Roth, Zak Gosa-Lewis

Absent: Councilor Pitts (council liaison), Sarah Glass

Meeting called to order by Chair Howard at 5:30 pm.

Business from the Audience: New Committee member Zak Gosa-Lewis introduced himself to the rest of the Committee.

Approval of agenda and minutes: Agenda and minutes from the November 16, 2021 meeting were approved.

Curator Report: Maddi provided a written report.

Community Engagement & Outreach Specialist Report: Mindy provided a written report.

Subcommittee Reports: Jenna and Megan stated that the Atlas Subcommittee had decided that the first volume of the Atlas, and the first phase of the digital map, would be focused on “now and then” photographs of a variety of Springfield locations. The January meeting was focused on collecting photographs from the Museum collection, and a local photographer was interested in taking the present-day photographs for the project. The next Atlas Subcommittee meeting was scheduled for February 9, 2022.

Unfinished Business:

A. Reports from Museum/Library Liaisons: Mindy stated that the most important topic from the January 14, 2022 Library Foundation meeting was the upcoming Books & Brew fundraiser, which would benefit the Library and Museum.

B. Update on Carol Houde Plaque: Maddi stated that she was currently looking for a business to create the plaque, and that Carol was excited to be celebrated during a small gathering at the Museum in the upcoming months.

C. Historic Commission Yearly Award Progress: Jenna shared that the award subcommittee had met and created a working draft of the award criteria and packet, and that it would continue working on this document at the next meeting. It was decided that this item would be kept on Unfinished Business at the February 15, 2022 meeting.

New Business:

A. Election of 2022 Chair and Vice Chair: Maddi stated that she had received nominations for Stacy Roth as Chair and Megan England as Vice Chair via email, and both nominees had accepted their nominations. Votes for both candidates were held, and both were unanimously approved.

B. Begin Annual Review and Edits of Strategic Plan: Maddi stated that this item would be on the agenda for the next three meetings, and that she had done a basic overview of what had been accomplished and what was still left to do on the implementation plan, which she shared with the Committee. She also stated that she and Mindy would add the Museum's accomplishments and data to the implementation plan before the February meeting. It was decided that this item would be added to Unfinished Business at the February 15, 2022 meeting.

B. Info Sharing: none.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34pm.