

Museum Committee Meeting Minutes 09/20/2022

Location: City Hall Conference Room 3

Present: Maddi McGraw (Curator), Emily David (Library/Museum Director), Vice Chair Megan England, Adam Howard, Jenna Fribley, Matthew Auxier

Absent: Councilor Pitts (council liaison), Chair Stacy Roth, Mindy Linder (Community/Outreach), Zak Gosa-Lewis, David Schmunk, Tara Puyat

Quorum was not met for this meeting. Meeting called to order by Maddi at 5:38 pm.

Business from the Audience: Troy Duffin attended the meeting as a representative of the Callis-Hadley families to discuss the Brattain property at 1260 Main Street, and stated that while there was possible interest in developing this property, the family would like to see its historic importance retained in some way. In response to a question from Maddi, Troy stated that the family would be open to considering making the property into a public space with historic information. Maddi and Jenna recommended that he also attend the next meeting of the Springfield Historic Commission to share this information with them as well.

Approval of agenda and minutes: Agenda and minutes from the August 16, 2022 meeting were not approved due to lack of quorum.

Curator Report: Maddi provided a written report. She also stated that Committee recruitment had been extended to a new deadline of October 17, 2022, at 5pm.

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

Atlas Subcommittee Report: Jenna stated that the subcommittee would be meeting twice monthly for the remainder of the year, and that final materials for the atlas were due to Arcadia on March 14, 2023. She also stated that the group would be focusing on the written materials first and then creating the digital atlas using that draft. She stated that the past meeting and the upcoming meetings would be focused on gathering photographs from the collection to fit the ten chapters that were planned for the volume.

Historic Commission/Museum Committee Awards Subcommittee Report: Jenna stated that at the September 19, 2022 City Council meeting, Mayor Vangordon had awarded the winners of the 2022 Heritage Awards. She also stated that the goal was to have the 2023 Awards coincide with Historic Preservation Month in May 2023, so work on that would be beginning very soon.

Reports from Museum/Library Liaisons: None.

Unfinished Business:

A. Discuss AAM Museum Core Standards: As a whole, the group discussed the AAM Museum Core Standards, and ways that the standards could help shape the Museum's trajectory. Adam stated that he would like to see the standards become part of the Museum's strategic planning process.

New Business:

A. Info Sharing: Maddi reminded the Committee that they would be co-hosting September's Booth-Kelly Maker's District meetup in the Museum on 9/28/22 from 5:30-7pm, and that they should also try to attend the Library Foundation fundraiser that same evening at Planktown until 9pm. Councilor Pitts stated that he was interested in redefining the roles of both the Boards and Commissions of the City as well as the staff and council liaisons, and that anyone interested in this as well should reach out to him.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.