

PORTSMOUTH MUSEUM & FINE ARTS COMMISSION

MINUTES

May 2nd, 2017

PRESENT: Karen Burgess
Billie Montgomery Cook
Gordon Jones
Lawrence Owes
Donté Owens
Angela Robinson
Ivan Rodden
Donna Rogers
Robert Wilber

STAFF: Nancy S. Perry
Jessica Pitts

ABSENT: Diana Davenport
Tanya Street

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
LIAISON: Gwendolyn Murphy-Cayard

Call to Order :

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Donte Owens, Chair. A moment of silence was held for the passing of Billie Montgomery Cook's father.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Robert Wilber made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Angela Robinson seconded. Minutes were approved as written.

Foundation Report

- Ms. Nancy Perry reported that the Foundation will be hosting the Elizabeth River Run. The run will take place Memorial Day weekend. They are currently looking for volunteers.
- The Foundation will also be participating in the "Give Local 757" fundraising event. More information will be posted on the Children's Museum's webpage.

Committee Report

Nomination Committee

- Commission voted for new Executive Officers:
 - Tanya Street- Chair
 - Rob Wilber- Vice Chair
 - Gordon Jones- Secretary

Installation of new officers will take place at the June meeting.

Cultural Arts Committee

- Ms. Karen Burgess agreed to be the new city representative for the Cultural Alliance but must be officially appointed by City Council.

Old Business

- Nancy will be contacting Bob Baldwin for guidance with the drafted proposed Cultural Arts District ordinance.
- The Commission is looking to get on the calendar for the Public Works session to be held June 27th. Edits and updates to the Cultural Arts District proposal should be submitted by June 9th.

New Business

- Nancy announced that there will be four new commissioners coming on in June. Their orientation will be May 10th from 4-6 at the Children's Museum.
- Ms. Tanya Street, Billie Cooke, and other Portsmouth residents have gotten together to come up with "Community Threads: Examining the Fabric of our Community", which will be a series of programs for the Portsmouth Community. The idea is to open up community dialogue in Portsmouth.

Announcements

- First Friday- May 5th
- Kite Festival- May 7th from 10-4. Free to the public.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.