

JACKSONVILLE VANISHING TEXANA MUSEUM BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2023
VANISHING TEXANA MUSEUM
302 S. BOLTON
4:00 PM

Meeting Items	
CALL TO ORDER	Janie Barber 4:15 pm
INVOCATION	Barbara Huggins
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION	Karen Cameron introduced herself to the board.
MINUTE APPROVAL	Barbara Huggins made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second, by Junior Washburn. All voted "Aye"
FINANCIAL REPORT	City Clerk Greg Lowe reported \$7,412.73 in the donations fund and \$433.40 in the donation box.
ARTIFACT OF THE MONTH	Museum Curator Larry Lydick showed the board a transition plate which made the connection from the rail to the rail bed.
OLD BUSINESS	
REVIEW AND PROGRESS UPDATE ON HAZEL TILTON PARK	City Clerk Greg Lowe said he reached out to obtain an update and did not hear back from anyone. Mr. Larry Lydick said he thought the sprinklers were in. Mr. Lydick did say he saw a concrete pad near the tree of knowledge and thought a couple of benches might look nice near it. Mr. Lydick will send the city manager an email. Mr. Lydick also suggested flowers in the old rail road bed to keep people from crossing it.
DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION 2024 EXHIBIT SUGGESTIONS	Museum Curator Larry Lydick said some of the exhibits planned so far are February, Black History, March Women's month, as well as multiple displays like quilts, tomato fest and yard sticks. Mr. Lydick asked the board members to think about some other displays that could be presented.
NEW BUSINESS	
DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION OFFICIALLY VOTING TO MOVE THE MEETING TO THE THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AND SETTING A TIME	City Clerk Greg Lowe explained this move was to minimize the number of hours Mr. Lydick worked and kept him on his part-time allowance. Kim Hansen made a motion to move the meeting to the third Thursday of each month at 3pm. Second, by Jerry McDonald. All voted "aye"
DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION A RESOLUTION MODIFYING THE MUSEUM BOARD BYLAWS TO HAVE THE BOARD MEET AS NEEDED	City Clerk Greg Lowe had spoken to City Attorney Brett Brewer and in order to keep the board in line with the bylaws, the language in the bylaws needs to change to "shall meet as needed". Janie Barber made a motion to approve the resolution making the meetings "as needed". Second, by Junior Washburn. All voted "Aye"
DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION FUND RAISING IDEAS	Janie Barber said the board had previously talked about having a meet and greet. Mr. Lydick suggested the board have a plan for the expansion as well as what kind of donations they want to receive. Janie Barber said some places have a raffle. Jerry McDonald said he is a member of the Knights of Columbus, and they have had a negative response when raffling off guns over the past few years. Museum Director Trina Stidham said the raffle she is involved with is still getting a positive response, with guns, from the hunters. Barbara Huggins suggested sponsorships. Mr. Lydick said he wanted to have sponsors for the exhibits. Greg Lowe suggested, in addition to the exhibit, sponsors having levels of sponsorships such as platinum, gold and silver. Janie and Larry will talk to Daniel Seguin.
DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION THE RENOVATION OF THE MEELS ON WHEELS VACATED AREA	Museum Curator Larry Lydick said he thinks painting the area, new lighting, painting the ceiling black and carpet squares are what is needed in that area of the building.
DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION THE RENOVATION OF THE WEST LOBBY	Museum Curator Larry Lydick said he would need money out of the donation fund. He will get a dollar amount and the board will call a special meeting to consider what Mr. Lydick presents.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION
THE SECURITY OF THE MUSEUM

Museum Curator Larry Lydick said they are working on having the locks changed. Mr. Lydick said a new camera system is needed. Museum Director Trina Stidham said they should have a security company reassess the entire system and see what their needs really are and report back to the board.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION
FUNDING FOR PICTURE FRAMES AND OTHER
MUSEUM ACTIVITIES

Museum Curator Larry Lydick said he found a copy of the M.L. Earle 1914 map of Jacksonville and would like to have it framed. Mr. Lydick said it would be about \$200. Jerry McDonald made a motion to approve an expenditure of not to exceed \$300 to have the map framed. Second, by Barbara Huggins. All voted "Aye"

CURATOR REPORT

Museum Curator Larry Lydick said the museum has been extremely busy, hosting as many as thirty people a day. Mr Lydick thanked Kim Hansen for re-doing a coloring book some children had drawn back in 1972. Mr. Lydick presented the board with a book of poems written in a P.O.W. camp in N. Korea during the Korean War. The poems were written by different prisoners and snuck out of the camp.

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, DISCUSSION

Jerry McDonald asked where the board was on refurbishing the Dough Boy statue. Mr. Lydick said their contact in Tyler has not responded to phone calls, so we are back to square one.

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5:11 pm