



**CITY OF BIRMINGHAM
MUSEUM BOARD MEETING
556 W. Maple
Thursday, June 6, 2024
5:00 PM**

Members Present: Kristy Barrett (Alternate), Pat Hughes, Judith Keefer, Marty Logue, Jay Shell
Members Absent: Alexandra Harris, Bev Erickson
Administration: Museum Specialist Caitlin Donnelly
Guests: None

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Chairperson Logue.

**Approval of the Minutes
Minutes of May 2, 2024**

MOTION: by Shell, seconded by Keefer

To approve the minutes of May 2, 2024.

VOTE: Yeas, 5
Nays, 0

New Business

Members discussed the strategic plan materials provided by Director Pielack in the packet and four additional materials distributed during the meeting, which were originally intended to be distributed by members for their review and report back to the full board. Members agreed by consensus to include the four additional articles with all the readings for all the members rather than split up the documents with separate reports. Due to a scheduling conflict with Museum Director Pielack for the August 1 meeting, the board discussed whether to do an alternate August meeting or cancel the August meeting and reconvene in September.

MOTION: by Keefer, seconded by Shell:

To cancel the August meeting of the Museum Board due to various scheduling conflicts.

VOTE: Yeas, 5
Nays, 0

Communication and Reports

Museum Director Pielack phoned in to share the news that a regional museum association will be honoring the Birmingham Museum with an award for our leadership in the multi-community Underground Railroad research project for the past year. The award will be given later this summer and has yet to be made public. When the press release is official,

there will be more to come. Following the phone communication, Museum Specialist Donnelly summarized the Director's report.

Member Comments

Mr. Shell shared a written statement regarding Caroline Ashleigh's departure from the Birmingham Museum Board and sharing his concerns about the lack of information about this matter among Museum Board members. Ms. Keefer expressed her opinion that Ms. Ashleigh's departure was appropriate due to a conflict of interest. Chairperson Logue suggested that the matter was decided and did not pertain to the Museum Board business at hand, and that further discussion was not relevant to this meeting.

Public Comments

None.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 11, 2024, at 5:00 PM.

Ms. Logue adjourned the meeting at 5:55 PM.