

# Morgan County Resource Preservation Advisory Board

Regular Meeting  
July 14, 2009  
6:00 p.m.  
Minutes

Present: Carol Cross, Sarah Lynn McHugh, Gail Wade, Ona Nunn, Elzata Brown  
Also Present: Tara Cooner, Danielle Peck

## **I. Opening and Welcome**

Carol Cross welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

## **II. Approval of Minutes from May 12, 2009 meeting**

With the unanimous consent of all members present, the Minutes were approved as presented.

## **III. Resource Preservation Advisory Board Member terms**

Ms. Cross reminded the Board members that their terms as members were to expire in September 2009. She expressed how much she had enjoyed her tenure on the Board and how well the members had worked together in the last three years to accomplish successful projects, such as the cemetery book and the current oral history project. She stated that she was willing to return for another term and hoped that the other members would like to do so as well. All of the members stated that they would be willing to serve on the Board again. Ms. Cross asked Tara Cooner how to proceed. Ms. Cooner explained that the positions had to be appointed by the Board of Commissioners, but that she would send a memo to the Commissioners informing them that the current members have expressed an interest in continuing to serve on the Board. Ms. Cross suggested that the members call their district Commissioner. Ms. Cooner apologized to Elzata Brown for the inconvenience of discussing continued service at her first meeting, but Ms. Brown said she would also be interested in staying on the Board.

Tara Cooner introduced Elzata Brown to all of the members and staff present. Members welcomed Ms. Brown to the Board.

## **IV. Future Interviews**

Ms. Cooner explained that she and Ms. Cross had previously discussed continuing to do interviews in audio format, as funds had been extinguished for more video interviews. In particular, Ms. Cross requested that David Dixon, a former resident of the Austin community, be interviewed. Ms. Cooner contacted Beth Goodwin and John Godwin, who have been doing the video formatting and editing, to ask how the audio interviews would be formatted, and explained that more audio interviews maybe conducted. Ms. Goodwin said she would be willing to donate her time for another round of video interviews. Mr. Godwin said he would need to be compensated for the actual shoot day, but would volunteer his time to edit the additional footage.

With the donated time, enough money will be left in the budget to pay Mr. Godwin for the shoot day and conduct more interviews. The next round of interviews has been set for August 15 at the Bank of Madison annex.

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Ms. Cooner asked the Board to suggest possible participants. She asked them to consider people who, due to age or health, may not be available when funds allow future interviews. It was also stressed that this round would not be limited to specific communities and willingness to talk was as critical as knowledge in a good interview. Ms. Cooner explained the interview process to Ms. Brown to familiarize her with the type of information the Board was seeking. Ms. Cross reiterated that David Dixon should be interviewed and also suggested Mrs. Louise Armor. Other names mentioned for consideration included Marshall Williams, Bertha Bogan, Elzata Brown, Minnie Peak, Willie Little, Willie Moon, Willie Oliver, Fred Perriman Dr. Ken Lewis, George Brown and Val McGeary. After discussing the possible interviewees, the following names were chosen, with Board members volunteering to contact them: Elzata Brown, George Brown and Willie Oliver (Elzata Brown), Louise Armor, David Dixon and Val McGeary (Carol Cross), and Dr. Lewis (Gail Wade). Ms. Brown scheduled her interview for 11:00am. It was decided that Ms. Brown would contact her interviewees first and let Ms. Cooner know the scheduled times. Ms. Cooner would then contact Ms. Cross and Ms. Wade with the remaining times.

### **V. Morgan County Heritage Website**

#### **a. Review of homepage design**

Ms. Cooner provided an 11 x 17 copy of the homepage design. The Board members commented on the design and expressed general approval.

#### **b. Review of sample community page**

This page was not completed and was not presented at the meeting.

#### **c. Photo gathering efforts**

Ms. Cooner announced that she and Sarah Lynn McHugh would meet at Yesterday's Café in Rutledge on Friday, July 17, to scan the photographs on the walls. Ms. Cooner mentioned that she planned to contact the African American Museum and the County Archives to see if any additional photos could be procured.

### **VI. Summer 2009 Oral History Interviews**

#### **a. Review of June 20, 2009 interviews**

Ms. Cooner informed the Board that the interviews went well, except that two of the interviewees did not come. Richard Hubbard had called to cancel his interview, due to a church meeting. Doris Stovall did not show, which Ms. Cooner attributed to her reminder letter going to the wrong address. Ms. Cooner also passed around a copy of Tom Franklin's book.

#### **b. Sample of video interviews.**

Ms. Cooner showed a few video clips from the April, May and June interview sessions. Clips were shown of Earl Nunn, Barbara Tyson, Ruth Love, James Harold Smith and Elizabeth Williams.

#### **c. Sample of edited videos.**

Ms. Cooner explained that Beth Goodwin and John Godwin were beginning to send some of the edited video clips, showing how the footage would be edited together and the titles of the clips would be identified. The Board members approved of the editing and titling.

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**VII. Additional business**

Ms. Cooner shared photos from the Vidal Sassoon hair shoot, done in April 2009. The photos were shot inside the Nolan House at the corner of Nolan Store Road and Highway 83.

**VIII. Adjourn**

Carol Cross adjourned the meeting at 7:15 PM.

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Carol Cross, Chairman  
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Tara Cooner, Secretary  
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