

Brunswick History Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 28, 2025, at 2:00pm

Present: Dr. Wayne Allgaier (Chairman), Peter Wenner (Secretary), Mr. David McIntosh (Board Member), Mr. Bruce Funk (Board Member), Mr. Tim Wilson (Board Member), Mr. John Faith (Board Member), Ms. Jackie Ebersole (Board Member), Mr. Ariel Gonzalez (Guest), Mr. David Guiney (Guest)

The following topics were discussed:

- Business:
 - 2025 Distinguished Citizens:
 - Eight bios have been posted to the BHC Facebook page and reposted to the city's page and Smoketown History.
 - For the 9/14 event, Tim agreed to pick up the chrysanthemums and will transport them to Jackie's house where she will take care of them until the banquet in two weeks. Tim will pick up the flowers the day before or the day of the event and get them to the Eagles Club.
 - If anyone needs access to the storage room next door to the library, contact Carrie Myers.
 - We agreed to display the rough timeline at the 11/6 Business Expo event and solicit comments. Tim will contact Abbie Ricketts to confirm attendance.
 - No decision has been made yet whether to participate again in the Veterans Day Parade on 11/9.
 - Visitor Experience planning:
 - A wayside exhibit planner for the National Park Service, Mr. Guiney informed us that he has been tasked to develop an interpretive media plan for the city. This entails planning and design for recommended exhibits, videos and signage that are aligned to NPS standards.
 - He requested permission to collaborate with the board to gather images and data as needed, once the plan is developed and approved. The board supports this request.
 - Tim suggested an interpretive sign for the descendant of the Wye Oak in City Park that Jackie believes was dedicated to the late BHS teacher Nellie Lloyd.
- History Discussion:
 - The board answered questions from Peter for his upcoming October Brunswick News-Journal story on the original 1890-1920 B&O Railroad boomtown era and the legend of "the town between the tracks".

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.