

Brunswick History Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 16, 2025, at 2:00pm

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

The following topics were discussed:

- Business:
 - Brunswick visitor experience planning:
 - David G. to meet with Carmen Hilton at City Hall about moving the project forward in collaboration with the history commission and museum.
 - After meeting with Carmen, David will conduct two 3-hour sessions with the board before the Thanksgiving holidays to get a sense of desired visitor experiences:
 1. Day 1 will explore storylines, resources and audiences.
 2. Day 2 will cover interpretive media types, in which he'll show examples and get feedback.
 - Historical Timeline:
 - Among the feedback we received regarding the mock-up at Railroad Days:
 1. Note significant milestones in Brunswick's Black history, including churches and cemeteries.
 2. More Native American history.
 3. Information on influential people who have impacted our history.
 4. Generally characterize "the mill", rather than specifically calling out "flour mill" or "grist mill".
 - The board reviewed internal questions, such as:
 1. Noting the 1947 and 2011 fire halls.
 2. Construction of the original B&O YMCA in 1907.
 3. 1961 groundbreaking for the Brunswick Ambulance and Rescue Co. headquarters on W. Potomac Street.
 4. Peter to send more photo options of 1936 flood.
 5. Dave to send World War II-era photos of tanks being transported by train through Brunswick.
- History Discussion:
 - Dave shared information about a book regarding George Pointer, a free Black man, who became an engineer on the C&O Canal and met with the Smiths when surveys were performed for the canal location in Berlin.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.