

## **Brunswick History Commission Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, October 30, 2025, at 2:00pm

**Present:** Dr. Wayne Allgaier (Chairman), Mr. Peter Wenner (Secretary), Mr. David McIntosh (Board Member), Mr. Bruce Funk (Board Member), Mr. Tim Wilson (Board Member), Ms. Jackie Ebersole (Board Member), Mr. John Caves (City Council Liaison), Mr. Ariel Gonzalez (Guest), Mr. Clair Ebersole (Guest), Mr. Buck Musser (Guest)

The following topics were discussed:

- Business:
  - Dave donated the book “Between Freedom & Equality”, which is on the shelf under the category “Black History”.
  - Wayne invited the board to submit nominees for 2026 Distinguished Citizens.
  - Production of a 16-ft. sign featuring the railroad and Brunswick city map for B&O Railroad Park is estimated at \$2K.
  - Wayne informed the board that we will re-apply for a Miller Grant to fund copying our collection of Brunswick Citizen newspapers.
  - 11/6 GBAAC Business Expo preparation:
    - We’ll use 2 tables positioned end-to-end to display the timeline mock-up.
    - Tim, Dave and Wayne will be present to staff our exhibit.
  - Historical Timeline:
    - Wayne asked the group to consider early 19<sup>th</sup> century national events to give further context to Berlin milestones on the timeline.
    - We decided to feature the photo of the 1936 flood that shows deep standing water around train cars, the coal tipple, shops and water tower.
- History Discussion:
  - Jackie shared a clear photo of a circa 1945 group of Vacation Bible School students at the old Christian and Missionary Alliance church on E. A Street.
  - Wayne invited board members to go on a field trip to investigate mill ruins in Loudoun.
  - Dave is working on a timeline of the Potomac River Valley.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.