

Brunswick History Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 9, 2025, at 2:00pm

Present: Wayne Allgaier (Chairman), Bruce Funk (commissioner), John Faith (commissioner), Ariel Gonzalez (guest), David Guiney (guest), Amy Grimm (guest, via Zoom).

Absent commissioners: Peter Wenner, David McIntosh, Tim Wilson, Jackie Ebersole.

The following topics were discussed:

- Business:
 - Recent acquisition: *Names in Stone* (2 volumes) from Family History Center.
 - Railroad Days: Our display was well received. Only concern was bikers unable to leave bikes at train station bike racks because of location of our display. Suggestion: Placement of temporary bike rack just north of train station.
 - Supplies from RR Days (easels, 4x8 PVC boards, pictures) were moved to storage room next door.
 - Half of our Walking Tour brochures have been distributed. 500 copies left.
 - Timeline. Two suggestions:
 - Change title from “Berlin (now Brunswick) – a Timeline,” to “Brunswick (formerly Berlin) – a Timeline.” Will discuss further.
 - Proposed change from four “pull-up” displays to one continuous 16-foot banner, displayed on portable metal rack. No breaks in timeline. Less expensive.
 - David Gueney presented a proposal to hold an all-day core planning meeting with the History Commission and a few other key people to give him some direction in his work in creating a “Visitor Experience Plan” for historic Brunswick. He will be discussing this with Carmen Hilton, who will be supervising his work, as well.

- History Discussion:
 - Discussed possible origin of the name “Brunswick.” Amy has learned that the city of Braunschweig, Germany, is pronounced “Brunswick” in the local dialect.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne Allgaier, Chair