

Archives, Reference and Research Advisory Board
October 6, 2021
Minutes

Present:

Board Members: Marco Carrion, Idilio Gracia-Pena, Jason Bauman, Brian Carlin, Pamela Cruz, Sarah Gonzalez, Glenda Grace, Richard Moylan, Rebecca Pou, Robert Snyder, Eric Washington, Lillian Jean Baptiste, Alison Cronyn.

DORIS Staff: Pauline Toole, Sylvia Kollar, LaTonya Jones, Kenneth Cobb.

1. Review of minutes from the May 17, 2021 meeting

The minutes from the May 17, 2021 board meeting were moved and accepted.

2. Remarks from the Chair, Marco Carrion.

Chair Marco Carrion introduced Alison Cornyn, the newest member of the Board. Ms. Cornyn is an artist, and curator 'Incorrigibles,' an exhibit currently on view located at DORIS' 31 Chambers gallery. Carrion noted that there will be changes in agencies in the new year but the work of the board will continue. We will share information regarding the impact of the new administration as it is received.

3. Committee Reports

- a. Education Committee: Brian Carlin reported that teachers are back in the classroom; the committee discussed creating a lesson plan template for using resources of the Archives. (He will email the template.) Pamela Cruz added that the committee met twice in March and June and discussed how to determine what DORIS' needs were. Ms. Cruz expressed appreciation for LaTonya Jones' updates and contributions and how the work of her unit could provide an opportunity for engagement. The primary questions to be addressed by the committee was how to reach out to teachers and the general

public. They also discussed the 1918 pandemic and what records might be available; not just MA.

- b. Social Media Committee: Nothing to report.
- c. Neighborhood Committee: The committee met on June 21. They identified neighborhoods that would be suitable for study using City Planning materials, historical documents, as well as materials available online, e.g. Landmark designation reports.

Commissioner's report.

Commissioner Toole said DORIS staff have been assigned to each of the committees. Like all city office workers DORIS returned in September, supplementing staff who were already working onsite. The most exciting development is that the move of Municipal Archives holdings into the new space at Industry City has been completed. She said it will officially open to researchers later in the month. One of the many positives is that there will be a space for researchers in the new facility and materials will not have to be transported to and from 31 Chambers Street. The new space is a culmination of this administration's investment in this agency. Commissioner Toole also informed the Board that their service is not limited and will not change with the new administration.

Commissioner Toole also highlighted to the annual Photoville exhibit Pier 3 in Brooklyn where DORIS is displaying a banner showing the supports for the annual memorials at the World Trade Center site. The supports have been photographed and DORIS is soliciting volunteers who will transcribe the written notations on the supports into a searchable database.

Sylvia Kollar's archives report. (see attached)

External affairs. LCJ . (see attached)

Open discussion:

Neighborhood Committee DORIS staff assignment is Kelli O'Toole.

Eric Washington asked if the Archives tracked patron research. Kenneth Cobb said yes, patron registration information is recorded, but research projects are not shared with other patrons.

Alison Cornyn – asked to join Education Committee.

Commissioner Toole will circulate DORIS employee/committe list.

The meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.