

**Barker Civic Center Commission Minutes**  
**Monday, May 11, 2015**

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**Present:** Diane Curtis, Kirk Rogers, Fred Miller, Tom McCormick, Mary Lou Linnen, Jessica Rosier, Laurie Wink

**Call to order:** President Laurie Wink called the meeting to order at 10:10 am

**Minutes:** President Laurie Wink motioned to approve the minutes from the 4/23/15 meeting. Motion approved.

**Director's report:**

Jessica Rosier reported on old business including:

- Marketing materials (making progress with Sam Hook Designs)
- Interpretive signage (making progress with Interpretive Ideas)
- Light fixture installed on second floor
- Fountain/bench/sundial (Susan at the Foundation has been looking into this; Tom McCormick provided a contact for a plumber who could possibly look for the leakage source at the fountain)

Jessica also reported on new business including:

- April Monthly Report (reports will be released monthly detailing facility usage, monies, and programs)
- May First Fridays (95 people in attendance)
- Haskell and Barker Historic District (Friends of Barker Civic Center will donate the factory sign to be used as an interpretive/educational piece within the District)
- Lawn furniture (Friends of Barker Civic Center will fund the replacement of shabby wicker chairs)
- Flower pots (Friends of Barker Civic Center will fund the replacement/upgrade of 12 flower pots)
- Interns (we have secured one, possibly two interns to take on special projects this summer)
- Field trips (Friends of Barker Civic Center will be billed for Michigan City students touring the mansion)
- Proposed rental fee increase (Jessica will work on a tiered structure for rental fees to include non-profit groups, groups wanting parties, and wedding rentals taking into account that we should be accessible, not cost prohibitive to residents)
- *The Beacher* reprints (Friends of Barker Civic Center will finance the reprint of *Beacher* articles regarding the mansion. An initial quantity of 1,000 will be purchased for \$371.31)
- 2016 Budget (due June 19, 2015)

**Other new business:**

- Laurie Wink suggested the new Volunteer Application be posted on the City website.
- Many members offered suggestions on places we could look for grants.
- Tom McCormick mentioned a possible partnership with the Art Institute of Chicago regarding a guided art tour of the mansion.
- Kirk Rogers suggested we find a way to pay tribute to former Director Cecelia Zubler.

**Future meeting date:** June 18 at 10 am at Barker Mansion.

**Adjournment:** President Laurie Wink adjourned the meeting at 11:25 am