

Brunswick History Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 2:00pm

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

Absent:

Mr. Bruce Funk (Board Member), Mr. John Faith (Board Member)

The following topics were discussed:

- **Business:**

- Visitor Experience:
 - As the city has hired a new consultant to focus on this important topic, a Brunswick Visitor Experience Workshop will be held at City Hall on March 10.
 - Although no longer in the role, David Guiney wants to stay involved somehow and will arrange a time to meet with the board in a few weeks.
- Budget
 - We will request \$500 for FY2027 to cover website management, a new sign to place outside the meeting room, and office supplies.
- Historical Timeline:
 - The timeline was unveiled at the City Council meeting on February 10 and was well-received.
 - It will serve as the History Commission's contribution to Brunswick's commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.
- Brunswick News-Journal:
 - Peter confirmed that his next story will focus on the history of Weverton.
 - Both Wayne and Dave will share research they have done on this subject and suggested connecting with Wade Watson to see what artifacts he may have found on the site of the original village.

- **History Discussion:**

- Ariel proposed doing research on railroad widows, the support they received from the B&O Railroad, and boarding houses they operated in Brunswick.

The meeting was adjourned early at 2:45pm so that the group could go to City Hall for photos in front of the timeline display. The Distinguished Citizens committee meeting will be held next Thursday in lieu of the regular meeting at 2pm.