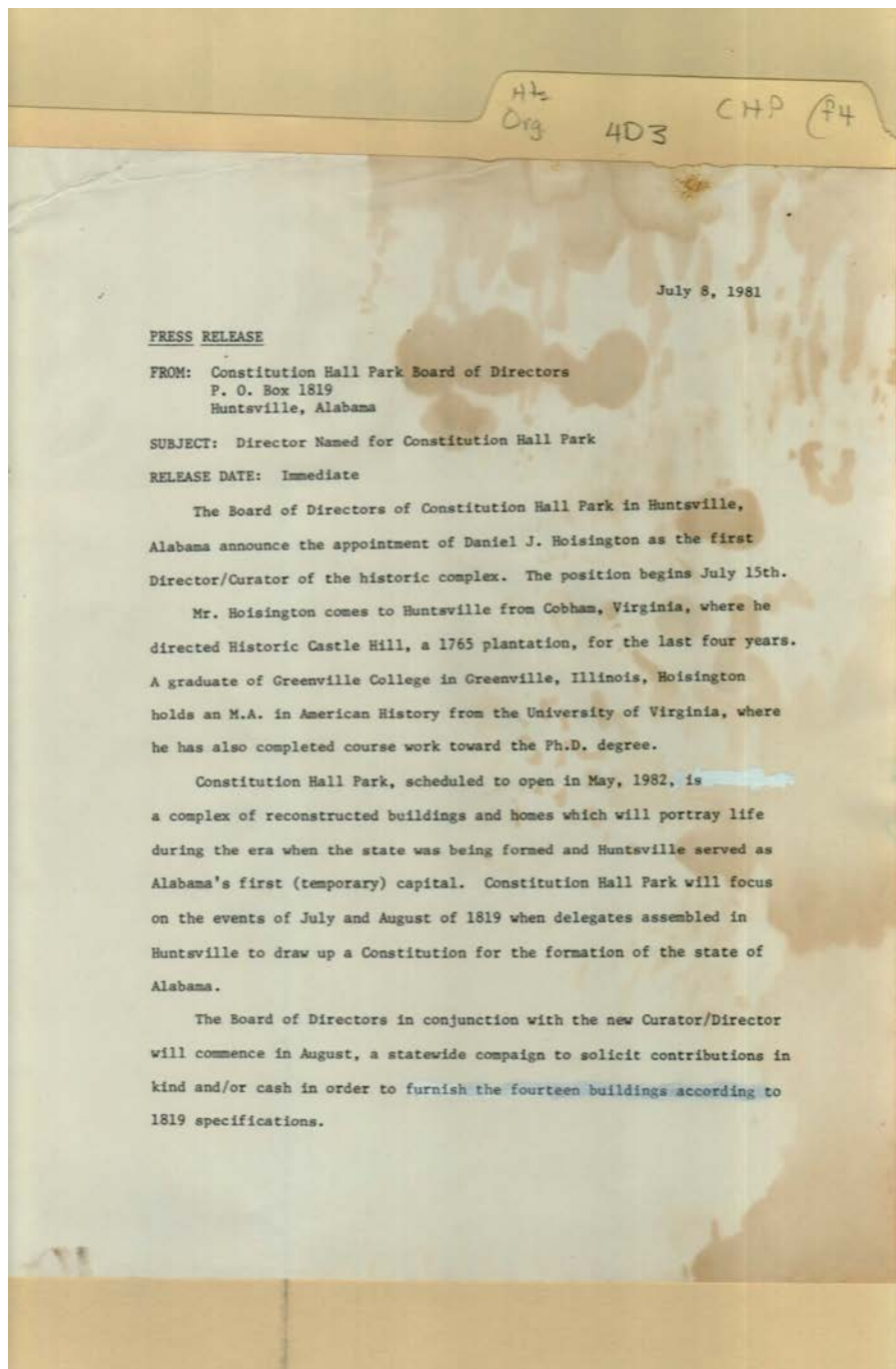


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Names:

Hoisington, Daniel J.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

release

Dates:

Jul 08, 1981

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CONSTITUTION HALL PARK BOARD

Created by Ordinance No. 80-112, passed April 24, 1980. Two additional members added by amendment (Ordinance No. 80-226 which amended 80-112). Nine members-- two appointed by the Mayor and seven appointed by the City Council. The two members appointed by the mayor shall serve initial terms of one year; one member first appointed by the Council shall serve an initial term of one year; three members appointed by the Council shall serve initial terms of two years; three members appointed by the Council shall serve initial terms of three years. The terms of all appointed members next appointed after the expiration of the original terms shall be for three years. No member may serve for more than two consecutive three year terms after the initial term.

* Sara Fisk 3420 North Broad Place 534-1365	6/26/80	6/26/81
* John E. Tyson The Boeing Company 837-8050 2913 Broadview Place 852-1966	6/26/80	6/26/81
Mr. Philip Mason 1807 Big Cove Road 53603719	7/24/80	6/26/81
Charles A. Caldwell Caldwell Construction Co. 4805 Commercial Drive 837-5480 508 Owens Drive 536-7978	6/26/80	6/26/82
Phillip Gentry The Huntsville News 532-4580 31 1229 Willowbrook Drive 881-9402	6/26/80	6/26/82
Dr. John C. White 220 Longwood Drive 533-0698 History Dept. - UAH 895-6310	7/24/80	6/26/82
Devie Mosley 2305 Big Cove Road 534-0034	6/26/80	6/26/83

* Mayoral appointees

(cont'd)

Names:

Caldwell, Charles A.

Fisk, Sara

Gentry, Phillip

Mason, Philip

Mosley, Devie

Tyson, John E.

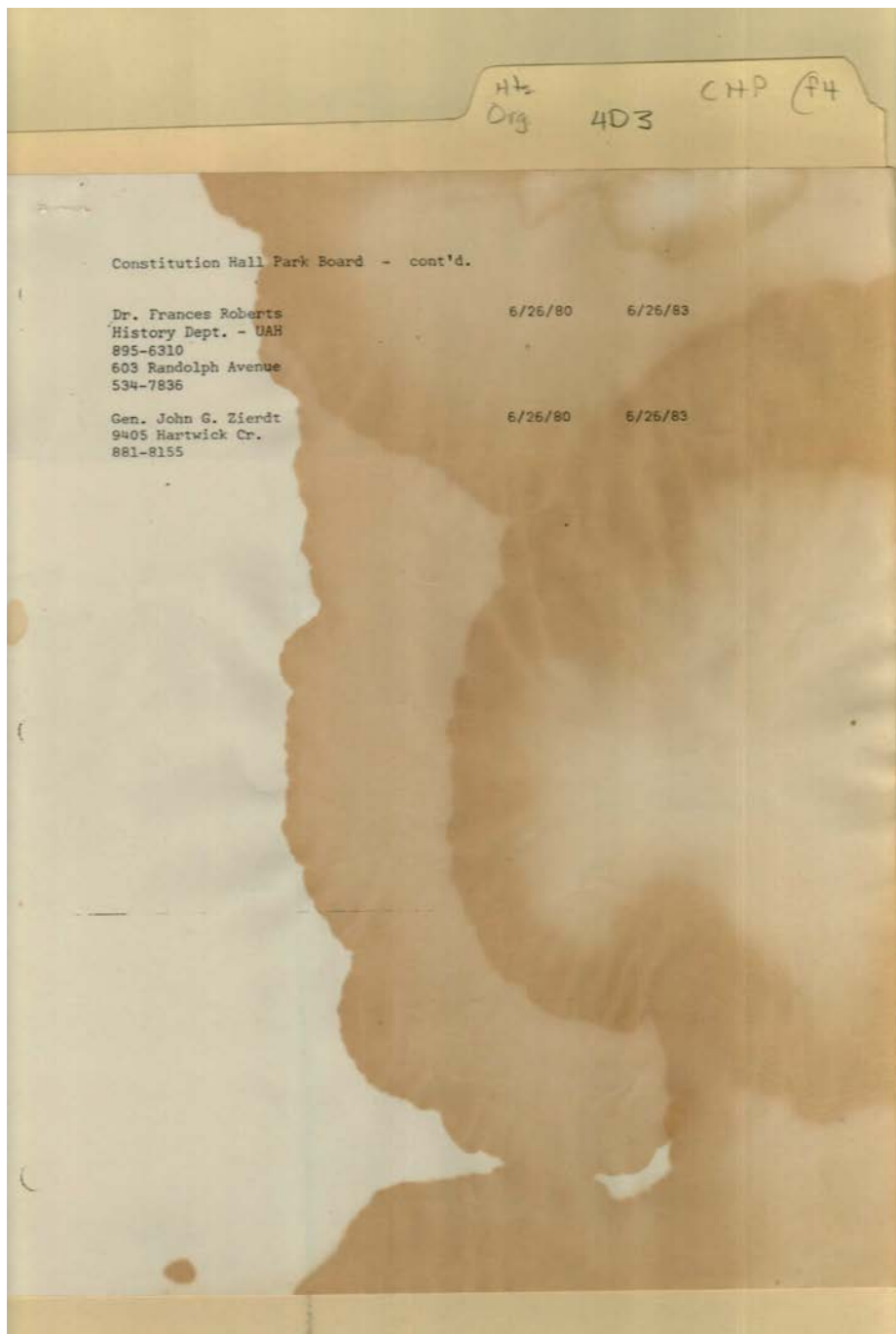
White, John C., Dr.

Types:

release

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Roberts, Frances, Dr.

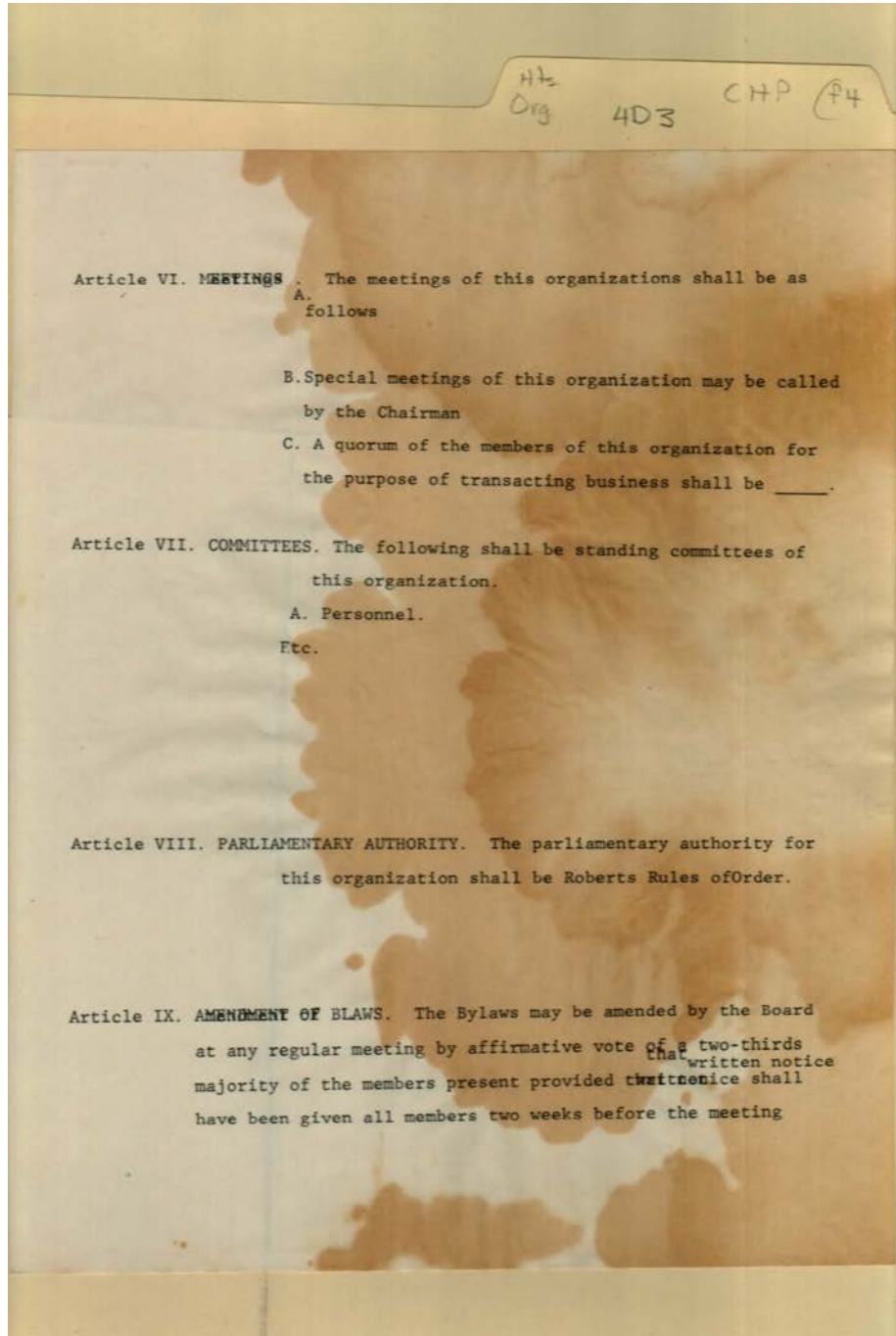
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General

Types:

release

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Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

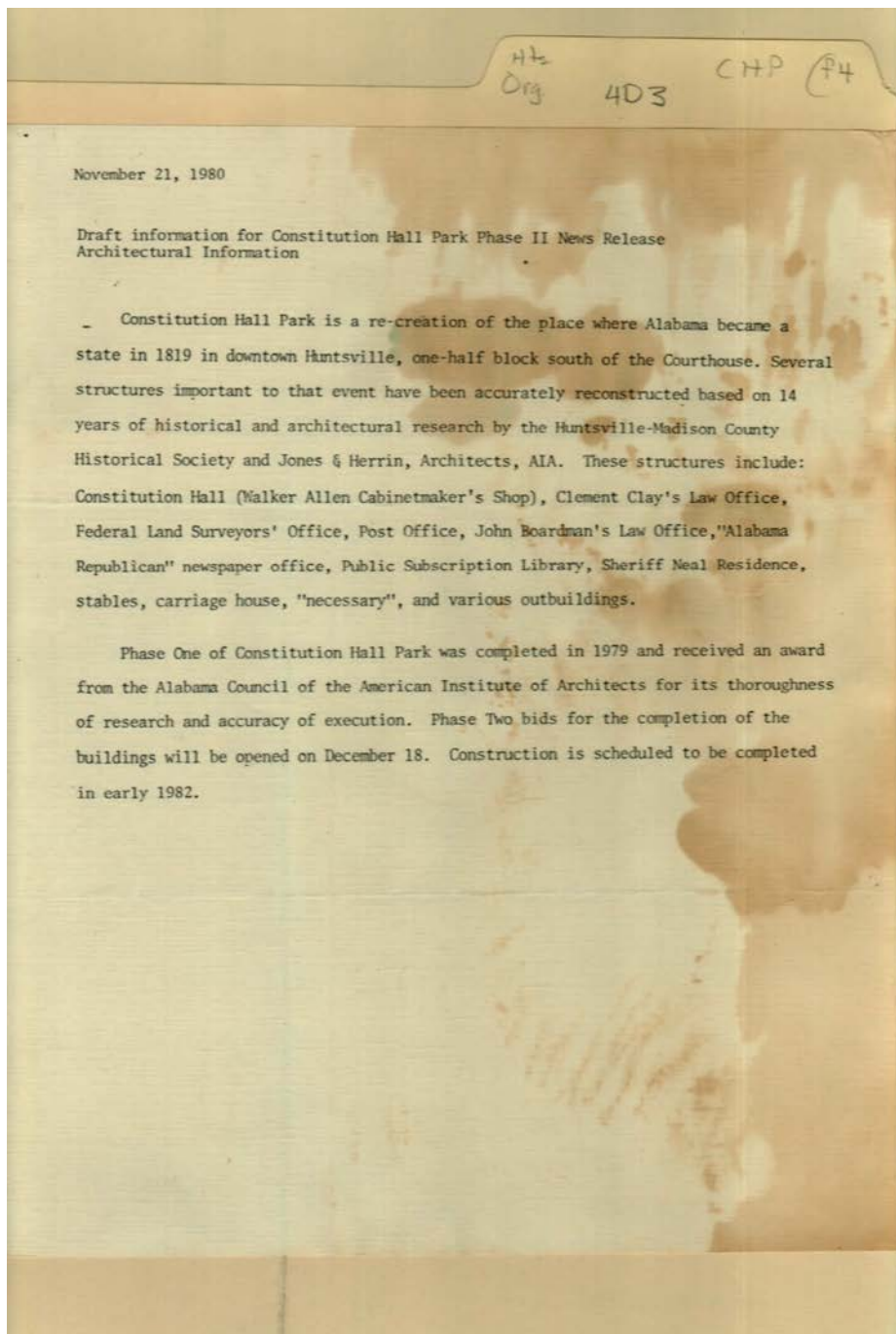
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Dates:

Jul 08, 1981

Frances Cabaniss Roberts Collection: Series 4, Subseries D, Box 3, Folder 4
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Names:

Allen, Walker
Boardman, John

Clay, Clement

Jones & Herrin
Architects

Neal, Sheriff

Types:

release

Dates:

Nov 21, 1980

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CONSTITUTION HALL PARK Ad Hoc Committee Report --- 2nd Meeting, 8/16/77

TO: Philip Mason*, Frances Roberts, Linwood Smith*, John White*, Harvie Jones (Liaison)
FROM: Sarah Fisk* (*indicates presence)

Meeting Report: Distributed 8/9/77 Report, no changes.

Deadline for report to Mayor Davis: Sarah reported conversation with Mayor Davis in which he emphasized instructions in his letter were only to study and recommend. Committee discussed and acknowledged that their understanding of our function does not include taking action on legislation, fund raising, soliciting, hiring a director--only to suggest.

Rough Outline of Alternatives: Harvie furnished construction costs as of Feb., 1977 on construction not included in present contract and estimated an inflation rate of 9% per year. Committee discussed a work sheet for alternatives. Attached is copy of a sheet drawn up for that purpose. An attempt to fill in this work sheet will come first on our agenda for next meeting, as it was decided that we would seek our first report meeting with the Mayor in early September, even though it will be necessary to leave furnishings cost open to adjustment after our re-evaluation is completed.

Finances: Sarah reported that Mayor Davis expressed opinion that any legislation attempt at September special session of Legislature would be useless, but mentioned January session. Committee understands all such efforts must be cleared through the Mayor. Sarah clarified James Record's earlier suggestion that legislation be sought, as meaning a "Dual-Purpose Bill" (possibly attached to some other legislation) that would make it legal for both counties and municipalities to contribute to Constitution Hall Park. (This was one method used for raising funds for " Battleship Alabama," for which Madison County contributed \$1,000.) However, committee realizes that attempts to raise capital funds are not a function of our committee; only to suggest.

Furnishings: Sarah reported verbal expression of interest from Milo Howard and Warner Floyd in furnishings that might be transferred from their State Agencies for use in Constitution Hall Park. Nothing specific yet. A discussion of some of the types of furnishings and costs specified in 1970 contract (un-negotiated) between State of Alabama and Rich's Antiques of Decatur, revealed need for a new study and cost estimate of furnishings needed. Following a notion by Philip, second by Linwood, Sarah appointed John to chair a sub-committee to make this study and estimate. Committee expressed appreciation to John for his willingness to undertake this task. He was asked to select his own committee. Attached is copy of letter of appointment giving instructions to this committee. Philip suggested that we alert Mayor Davis to have City's purchasing laws studied as to their relation to purchasing antiques; question being whether aids required, or are antiques an exception to this rule, as under State purchasing laws.

Director: Decided to make no search for Director at present, but to recommend to Mayor Davis that one be hired as soon as possible.

Operating Expenses: Discussed preparation of an Operating Budget for the Park. It is Sarah's intention to ask Philip to work specifically on this, bearing in mind what operating costs might be if all buildings completed and opened or only part completed, according to attached Outline of Alternatives. We will expect to discuss questions relating to this at our next meeting.

Admission Fees: Discussed how to determine admission fees and on Philip's suggestion, Sarah will write as many historical sites as possible, asking for admission fee information, schedule of hours open, and a brochure, if available. Hope to get enough information to discuss this at our next meeting.

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Names:

, John
, Philip
Davis, Mayor

Fisk, Sarah
Floyd, Warner
Howard, Milo

Jones, Harvie
Mason, Philip
Record, James

Roberts, Frances
Smith, Lynwood
White, John

Types:

report

Dates:

Aug 16, 1977

Frances Cabaniss Roberts Collection: Series 4, Subseries D, Box 3, Folder 4
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Display Cases: Discussed briefly. It is Sarah's intention to ask Linwood to give some thought to this specific problem; types of cases, design, approx. cost, location, possible contents. (As a matter of information, original 1970 furniture contract allowed \$5,000 for construction of cases. Committee considers this probably inadequate under present plans.) It is important to remember that none of Constitution Hall Park buildings will have artificial lighting, but there are plenty of windows in the Constitution Hall building, where majority of exhibits will be located.

In discussing exhibits in Constitution Hall, committee favored using only a token grouping of tables and chairs to represent the convention area, with most of the space allotted to displays. Important that displays be right height for viewing by children.

Sarah Statehood Papers from Library of Congress: Committee is aware of steps already taken by Frances to obtain copies of these papers. Some estimate of cost might be helpful, as well as an idea of types of cases that would display the items to best advantage (wall or floor type) and approximate spacing.

Archaeological Displays: Committee has been informed by John Martz of a box of items* recovered on Constitution Hall site in a dig carried on by Huntsville Chapter of Ala. Archaeological Society and now being held in the old Southern Depot Building, from which it should be moved. It was agreed by committee that at least part of these items should be exhibited. Huntsville Chapter of A.A.S. has offered to catalog them.

It was also mentioned that items dug on the site by students from the University of Alabama's Archaeological Dept. and now displayed or stored at Moundville will be available for transfer here when a display area is available.

Linwood offered to store this box in basement of his building, (un-insured, of course.) Also discussed getting City to store the box. Linwood, would you please discuss with John Martz as to display possibilities in relation to the cases and also with Richard Kramer as to storage by city, and we will decide at next meeting.

Grants: Sarah reported that she learned at the Preservation Conference that a grant might be obtained under the Archaeology and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 for a dig on the site of the Neal House and that the Huntsville Chapter of A.A.S. is interested in applying for this grant.

Ala. Historical Commission "Preservation Conference:" Sarah reported that the display on Constitution Hall Park attracted some attention and that at the conclusion of the meeting, James Record made a very effective announcement about the project. Mayor Davis also mentioned it in his remarks at the Opening Session.

Expenses of Committee: Sarah reported that committee can use City's photocopy equipment, and the Mayor's office will mail our correspondence and even do typing, if needed. It is also possible we might get a City Purchase Order issued for any books we might need.

Next Meeting: Due to vacations of committee members, our next meeting is scheduled for: Tuesday, Aug. 30, 4:00 P.M., in Linwood's office.

Other Items Pending: Other items mentioned on 8/9/77 report were not taken up at this meeting due to lack of time.

Missed you at our meeting S.

Names:

, Frances
, Sarah

Davis, Mayor
Martz, John

Record, James
Smith, Lynwood

Types:

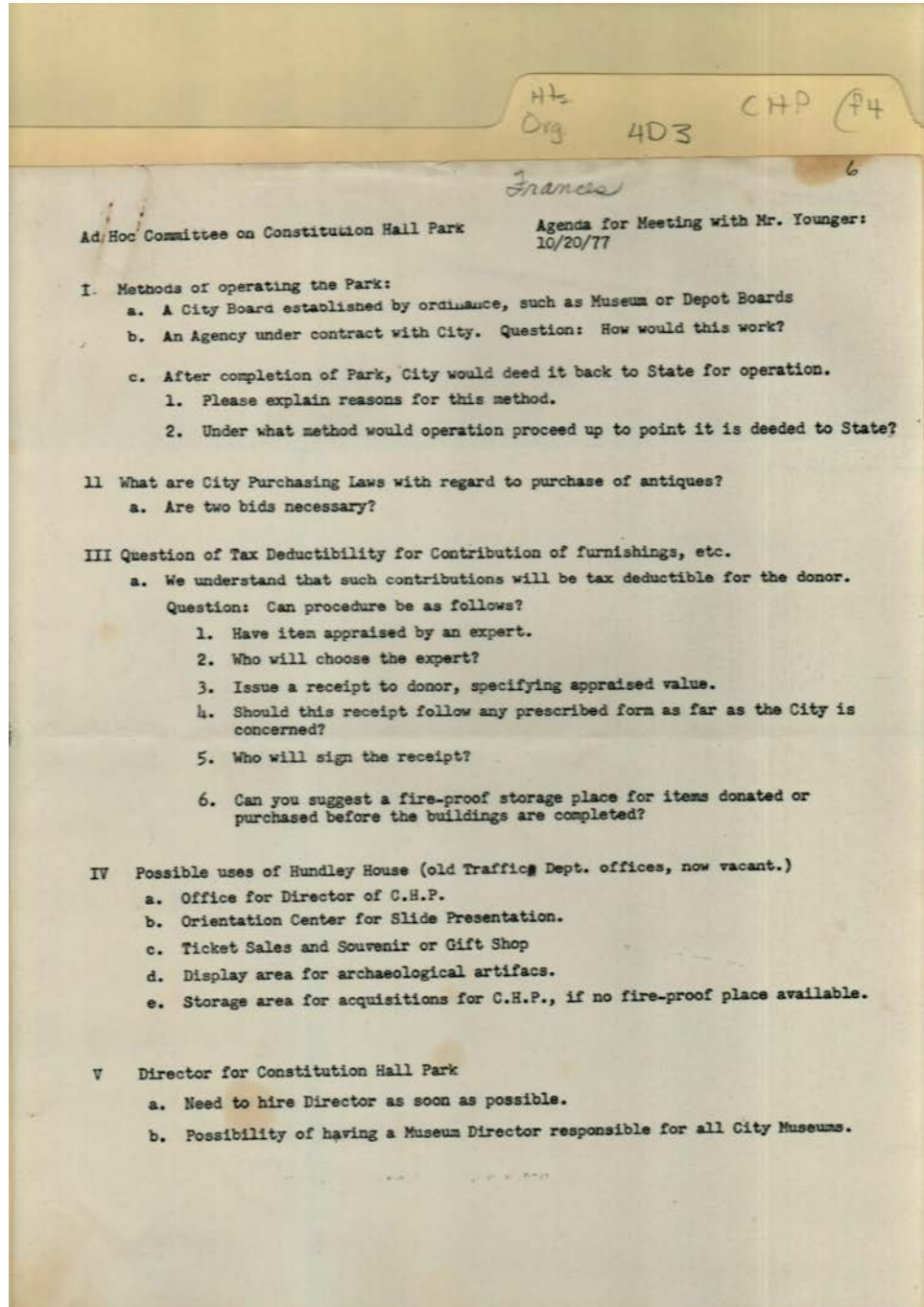
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Dates:

Aug 16, 1977

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Names:

Younger,

Types:

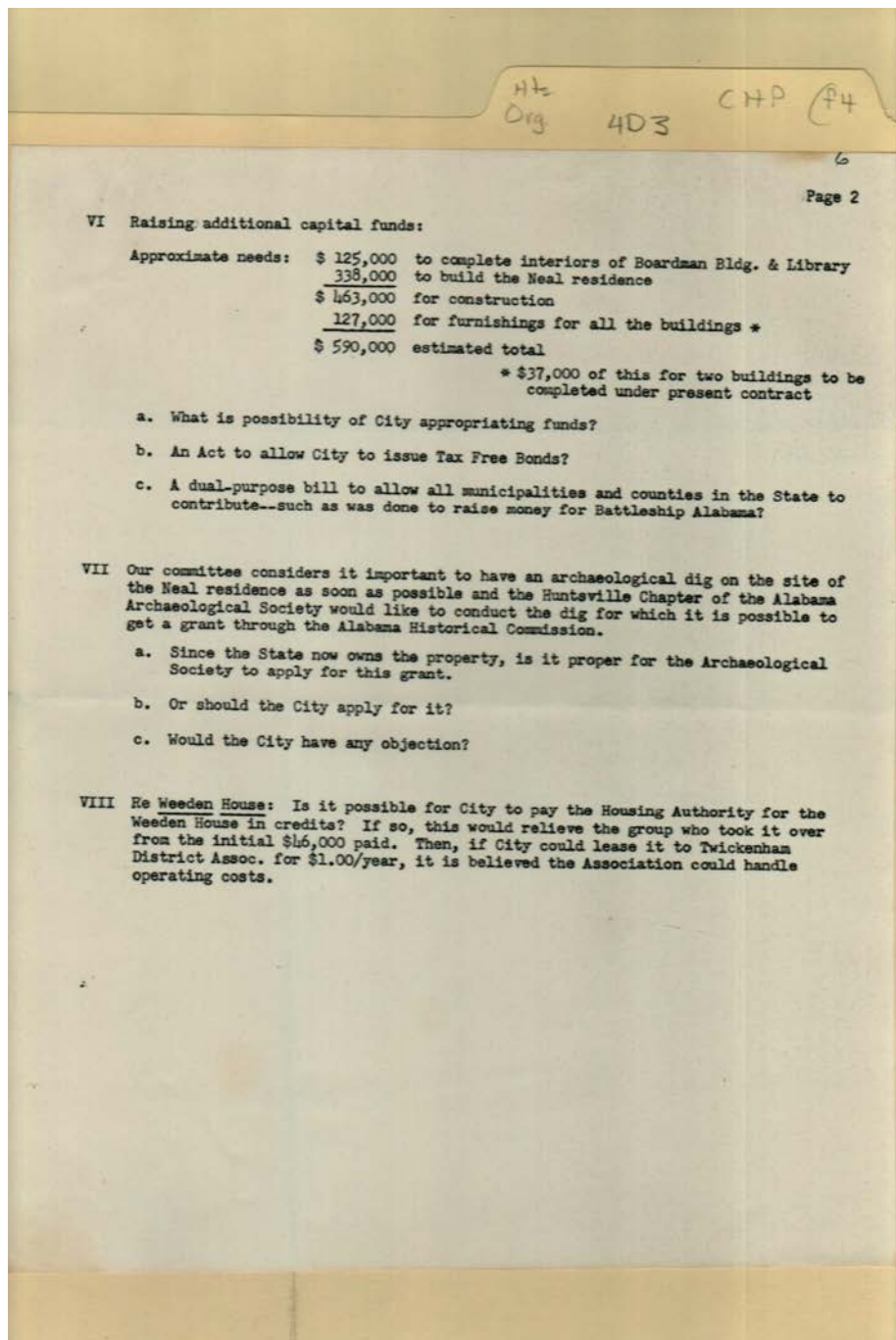
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Dates:

Oct 10, 1977

Frances Cabaniss Roberts Collection: Series 4, Subseries D, Box 3, Folder 4
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Names:

Neal,

Types:

agenda

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CONSTITUTION HALL PARK AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT -- 7th Meeting, 10/18/77

TO: Philip Mason*, Frances Roberts, Lynwood Smith, John White*, Harvie Jones (Liaison)
FROM: Sarah Fisk* (* Indicates presence)

Meeting Report: Report of 10/4/77 corrected as follows:

Under Furnishings: Correction--Chamber 4 in which the committee has decided to install two public restrooms is not the "kitchen" of the Boardman House, as stated in the report.

Omission: Sarah reported that at request of the Ala. Historical Commission she submitted an article for their next Preservation Bulletin to solicit gifts or loans of furnishings.

Under Grants: Omission: Sarah reported that Mr. Roth had furnished committee with information re matching fund grants available from Ala. State Council on the Arts & Humanities from Oct. 1, 1977--Sept. 30, 1978 for Professional Consultants, Workshops & Seminars for Museums.

Furnishings: John submitted the report of the Subcommittee on Acquisitions, 13 pages, dated Oct. 12, 1977, containing general recommendations and a detailed listing of suggested furnishings with cost estimates. It was noted that the grand total of \$126,356.00 amounts to only a little more than half the 1970 estimate prepared by Rich's Antiques of Decatur, in spite of the intervening inflationary period. Sarah expressed appreciation to John and his committee for their thorough work and excellent presentation. The report is hereby made a part of these minutes and members are asked to review it for discussion and adoption at the next regular meeting.

Operating Expenses: Philip presented his report on estimated operating expenses. The report contains estimated operations cost for a full twelve month period as well as the initial cost of setting up an office, including equipment for slide presentation and an estimate for preparation cost of the presentation. The report also includes operating expenses estimated for a possible partial year operation, March 1 thru Sept. 30. Sarah thanked Philip for his diligent inquiry into this uncertain area and for arranging his report in the manner most useful to the committee. The report is hereby made a part of these minutes and members are asked to review it for discussion and adoption at the next regular meeting.

Meeting with City Attorney: Sarah reminded the committee of the meeting set up with Charlie Younger for noon on October 20 at Twickenham Station for the purpose of discussing operating procedures, tax deductibility questions, the city's purchasing laws as regards antiques, and various other questions on which we need his advice or would like his opinion.

Mr. Roth, Museum Consultant ASCAH: Sarah reported that Mr. Roth had phoned to state that he was working on information for us, much of which he had gained in conference with Mr. John Vaughn, Director of the Ordeman-Shaw Complex in Montgomery. Mr. Roth stated that Mr. Vaughn had offered to come to Huntsville at his own expense to meet with our committee. It was agreed that we would invite him to come in the near future.

Meeting with Mr. Milo Howard, Director, Ala. Dept. of Archives and History: Frances sent word to the committee that she had talked with Mr. Howard at the meeting of the National Trust in Mobile and he had offered to come to Huntsville to meet with our committee to discuss items that might be transferred or loaned by the State. Sarah reported that John had phoned Milo at her request to notify him that our next regular meeting would be on Oct. 25. The committee having agreed to this date, Sarah was to confirm it with Milo by letter immediately.

Next Meeting: Tues., Oct. 25, 4:00 P.M. in Lynwood's office with Milo Howard as guest. Committee discussed need for a long work session to finalize the presentation and chose two possible dates: Fri. Oct. 28, 3:00 P.M. until we finish, or Sun., Oct. 30, in the afternoon. The Friday date was deemed preferable in order to leave time for getting the report typed and signed, so that the Mayor can be notified by Oct. 31.

Names:

Fisk, Sarah
Howard, Milo
Jones, Harvie

Mason, Philip
Roberts, Frances
Roth,

Smith, Lynwood
Vaughn, John
White, John

Younger, Charlie

Types:

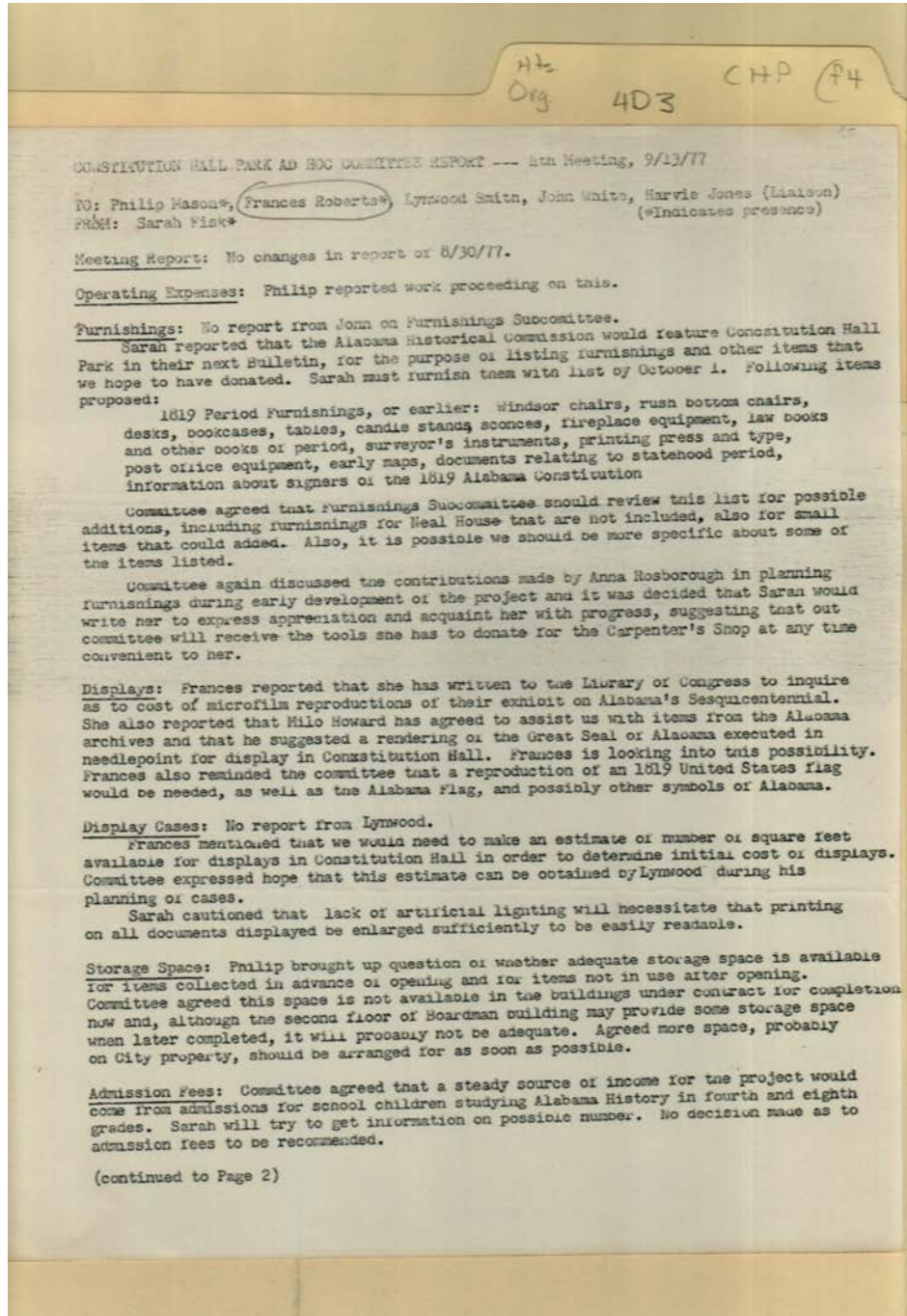
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Dates:

Oct 18, 1977

Frances Cabaniss Roberts Collection: Series 4, Subseries D, Box 3, Folder 4
Constitution Hall Park Materials, circa 1970s (4 of 10)

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Names:

Fisk, Sarah
Howard, Milo

Jones, Harvie
Mason, Philip

Roberts, Frances
Rosborough, Anna

Smith, Lynwood
White, John

Types:

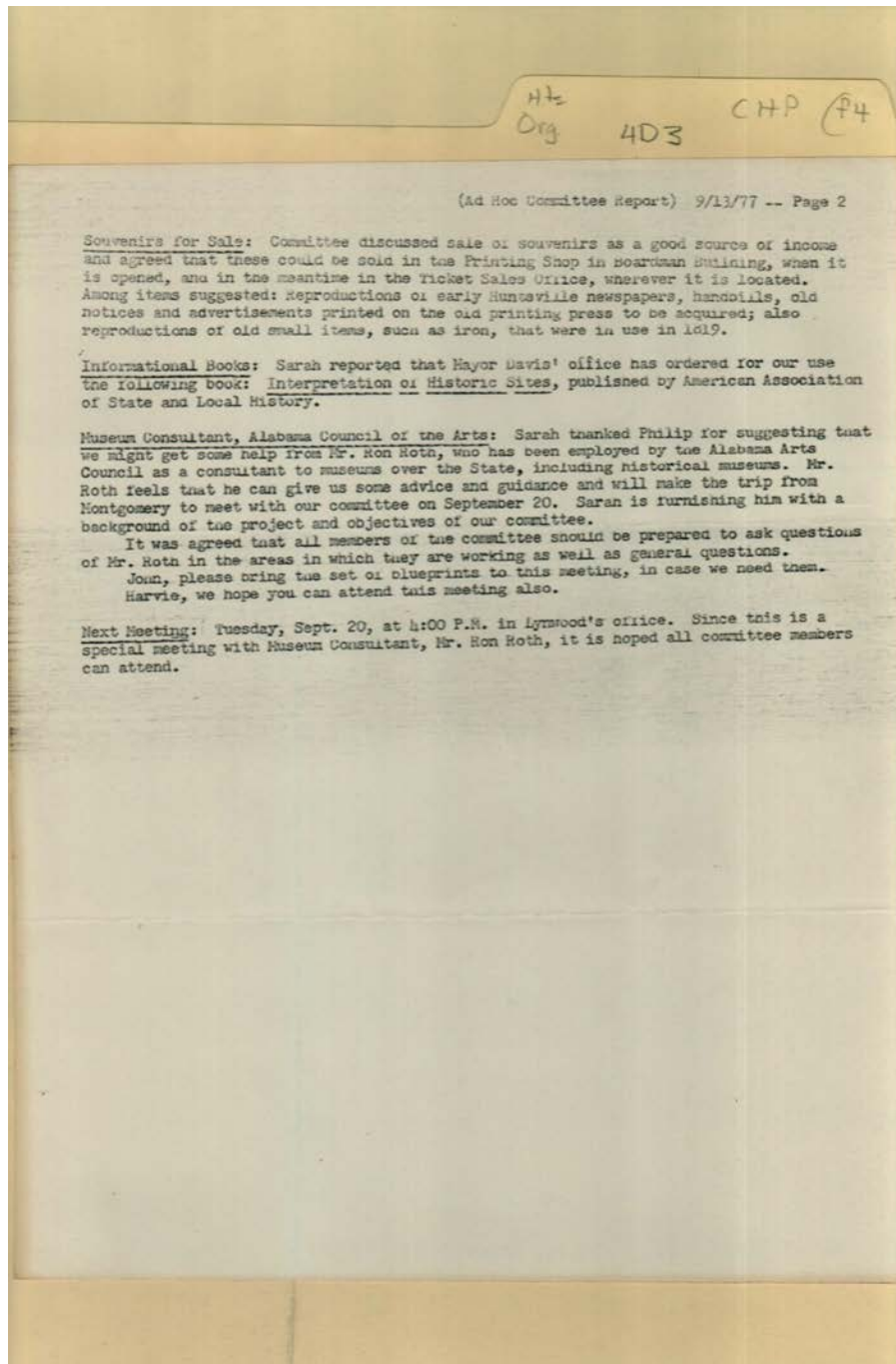
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Dates:

Sep 13, 1977

Frances Cabaniss Roberts Collection: Series 4, Subseries D, Box 3, Folder 4
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Names:

, John
, Philip

, Sarah
Davis, Mayor

Roth, Ron
Smith, Lynwood

Types:

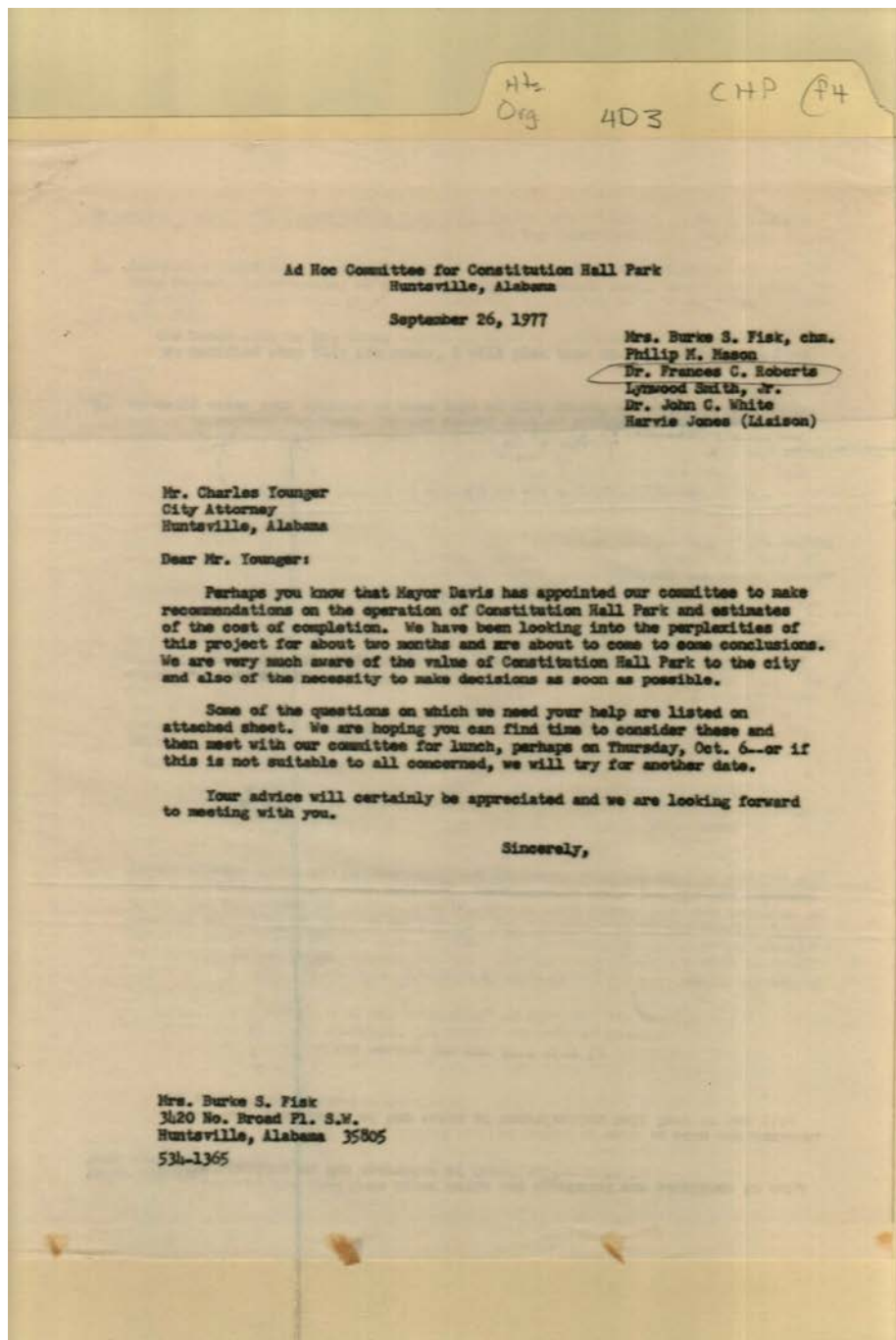
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Dates:

Sep 13, 1977

Frances Cabaniss Roberts Collection: Series 4, Subseries D, Box 3, Folder 4
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Names:

Davis, Mayor
Fisk, Burke S., Mrs.
Jones, Harvie

Mason, Philip M.
Roberts, Frances C.,
Dr.

Smith, Lynwood, Jr.
White, John C., Dr.
Younger, Charles

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

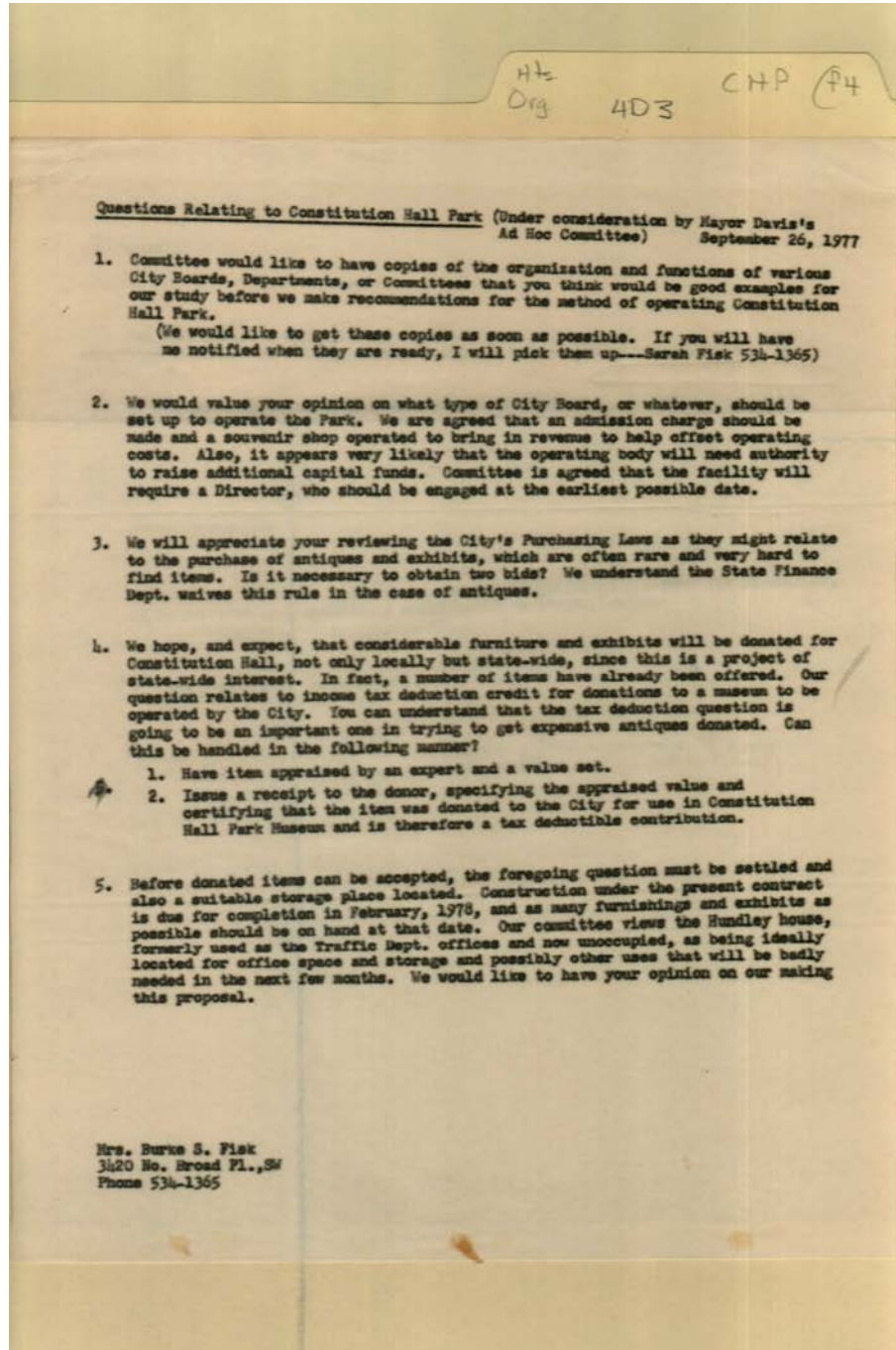
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Dates:

Sep 26, 1977

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Names:

Davis, Mayor

Fisk, Burke S., Mrs.

Fisk, Sarah

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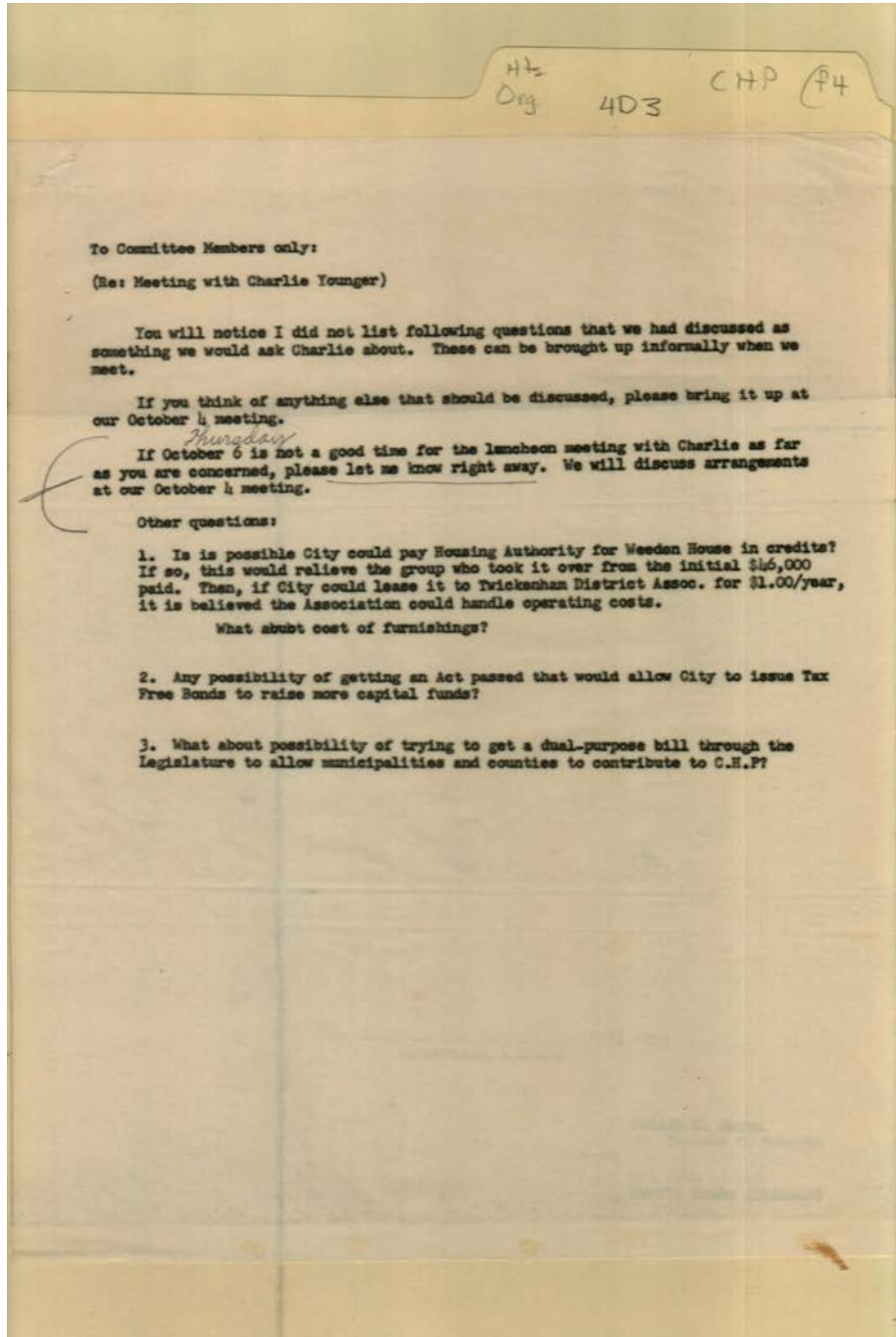
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Dates:

Sep 26, 1977

Frances Cabaniss Roberts Collection: Series 4, Subseries D, Box 3, Folder 4
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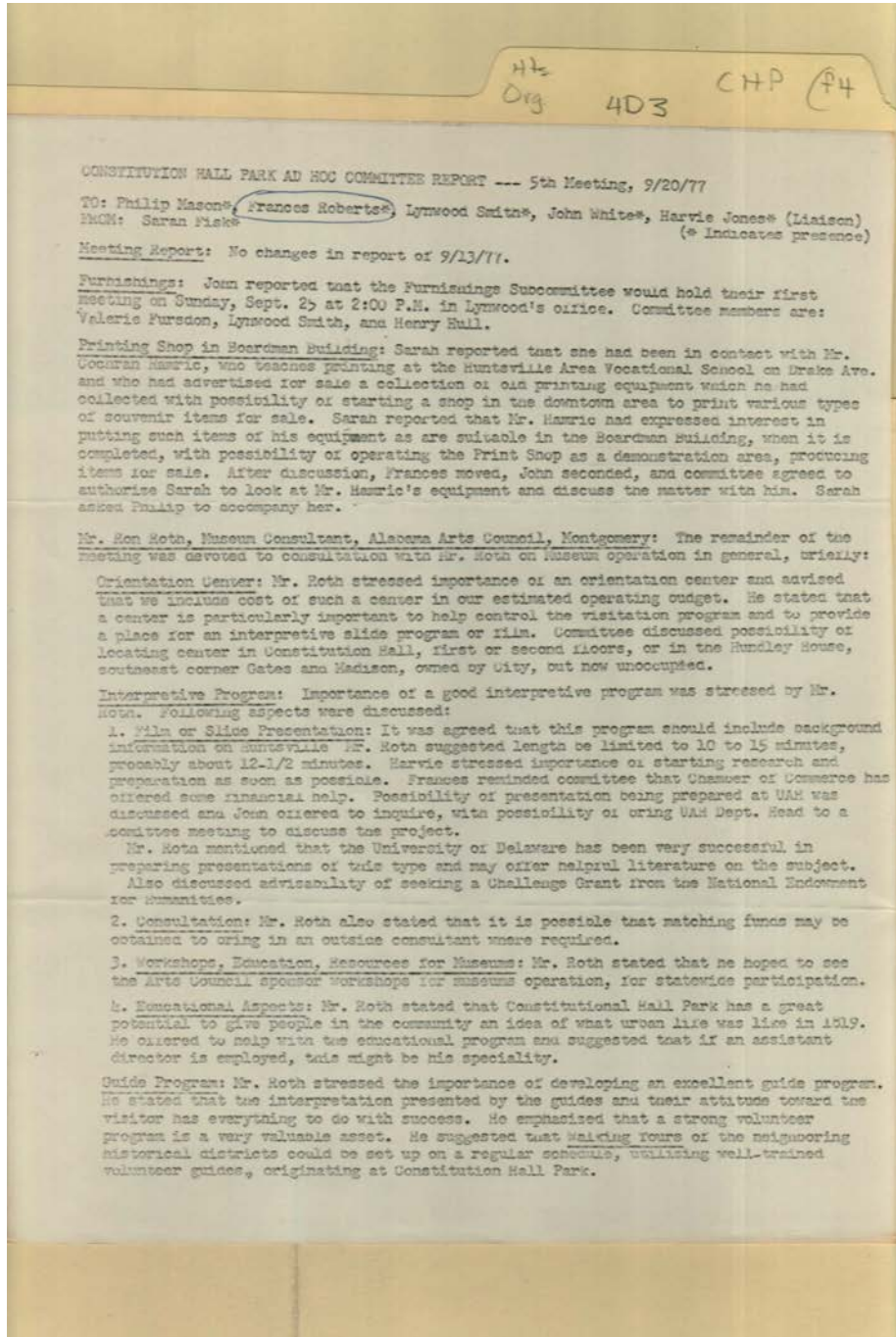
Names:
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Types:
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Frances Cabaniss Roberts Collection: Series 4, Subseries D, Box 3, Folder 4

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Names:

Fisk, Sarah
Fursdon, Valerie
Hamric, Cochran

Hull, Henry
Jones, Harvie
Mason, Philip

Roberts, Frances
Roth, Ron
Smith, Lynnwood

White, John

Types:

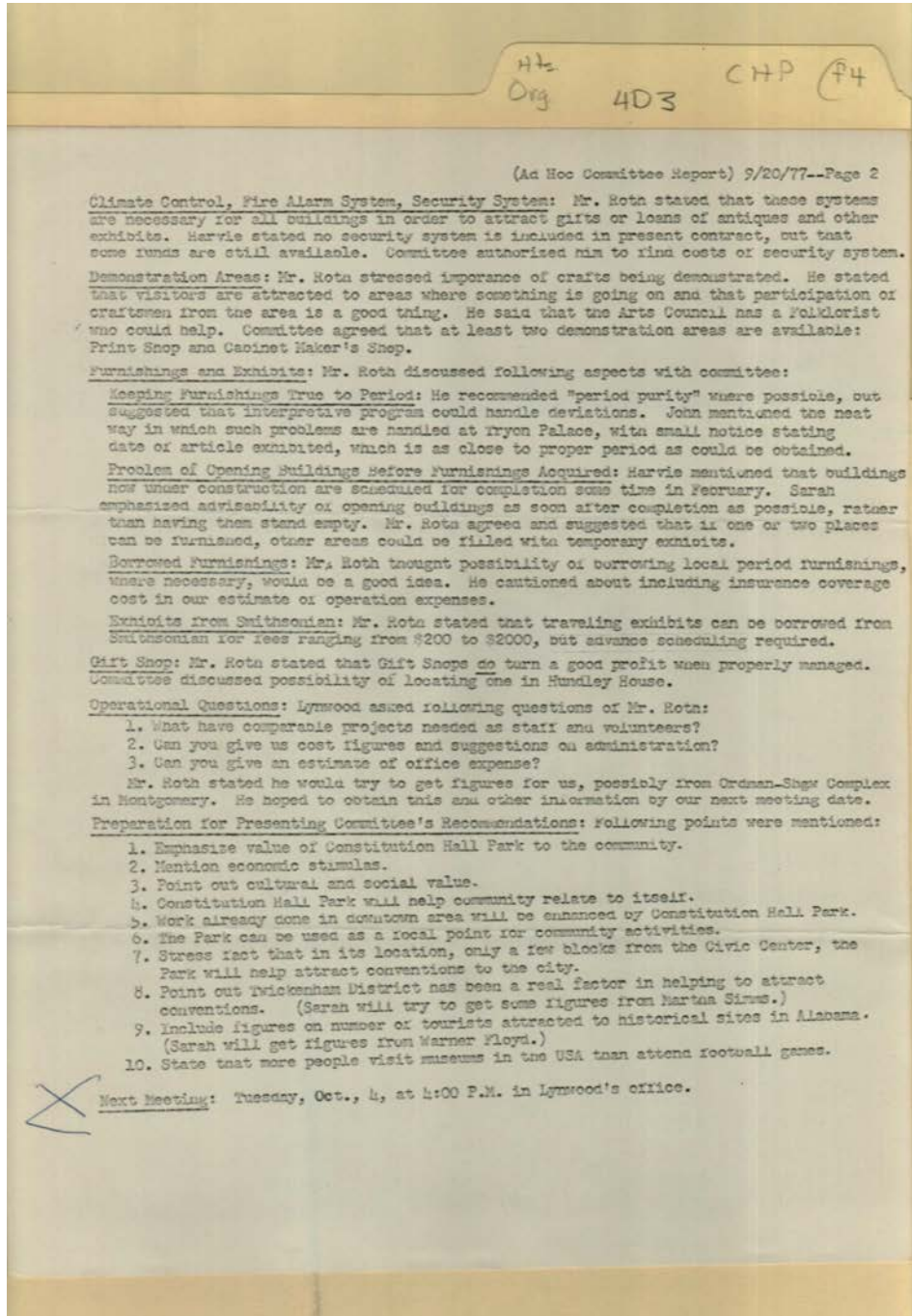
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Dates:

Sep 20, 1977

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Names:

, John
, Lynnwood

, Sarah
Floyd, Warner

Jones Harvie
Roth,

Types:

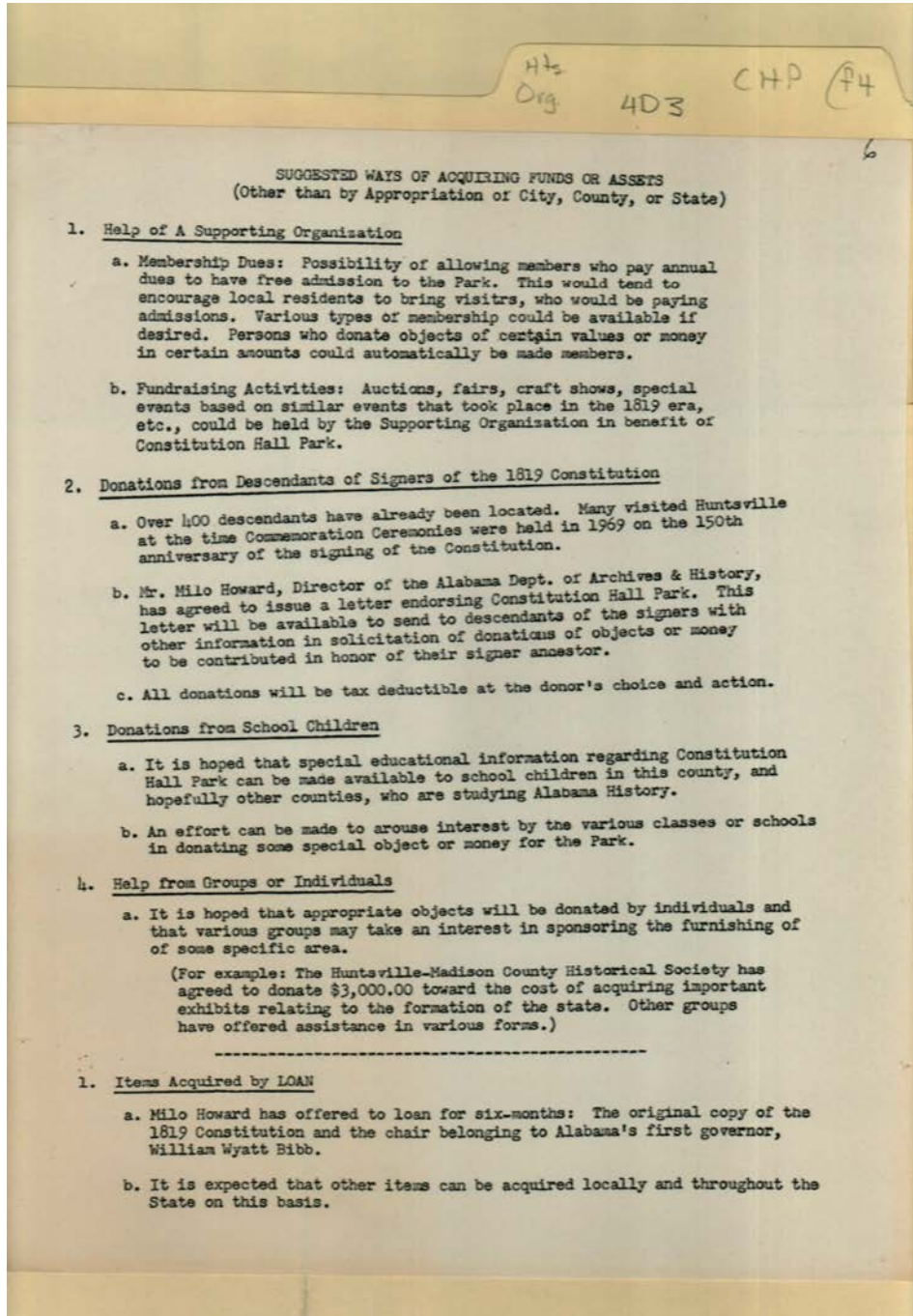
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Dates:

Sep 20, 1977

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Names:

Bibb, William Wyatt

Howard, Milo

Types:

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ESTIMATE OF INCOME
 Constitution Hall Park

ADMISSIONS:

School Children

Huntsville students studying Alabama History in 4th grade	2,250	
Madison County " " " " " " " "	715	
		2,965
Huntsville students studying Alabama History in 8th grade	2,725	
Madison County " " " " " " " "	884	
		3,609
Total Alabama History students in Madison County	6,574	
Income annually from student visitors, based on 50¢ admission		\$ 3,287.00

(Note: Estimate does not include students in other grades, who may visit. Nor does it include students of Alabama History from other counties in the state, many of whom may be expected to come on field trips.)

Adults

Estimating 18 adult visitors per day, 560 days per year	10,080	
Income annually from adult visitors, \$1.00 admission for two buildings		10,080.00

(Note: This estimate based on attendance at the "Historic Huntsville" Exhibit at the Huntsville Museum of Art in Feb., 1976, a slack month for attendance. 783 persons registered during the 21 day exhibit, or 37 per day average. Have estimated only half this number, or 18 per day, as expected to visit Constitution Hall Park.
 No estimate included for tourists passing through town or for groups on tours or attending conventions in Huntsville.)

(Comparative information: In 1970, the Arkansas Territorial Restoration, a similar type site in Little Rock, reported an average of 52 visitors per day. Our conservative estimate is 30 per day for Constitution Hall Park.)

Total estimated income from admissions		\$ 13,367.00
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GIFT SHOP:

Estimated profit from first year's operation		2,500.00
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(Based on an estimate by Mr. Ron Roth, Museum Coordinator for the Alabama State Council on the Arts and Humanities. Mr. Roth believes that the Shop's income should increase with each year of operation.)

Total estimated income for first full year of operation		\$ 15,867.00
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Submitted by: Sarah H. Fisk
 10/28/77

Names:

Fisk, Sarah H.

Roth, Ron

Types:

report

Dates:

Oct 28, 1977

Frances Cabaniss Roberts Collection: Series 4, Subseries D, Box 3, Folder 4
Constitution Hall Park Materials, circa 1970s (4 of 10)

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Huntsville Museum of Art
Von Braun Civic Center
700 Monroe Street
Huntsville, Alabama

LOAN FORM

The item listed below is requested by the Huntsville Museum of Art

From: Mrs Burke S Fisk
3420 No. Broad Pl., S.W., Huntsville, Alabama 35805

For: History of Huntsville Exhibition

To be shown from: Jan 31, 1976 To: March 1, 1976

Item: drawings of Huntsville, 1823
Sarah Fisk
(Artist)

(Nationality & Dates) \$1,000
(Insurance Value)

(Title) Soft Pencil on
(Date of Work) 1974 (Medium & Support) Tracing Paper, attached to heavy (Measurements) about 23" X 38"

The credit line for the loan will read as follows: poster board

Lent by: Sarah Huff Fisk
(If this wording is not acceptable, please advise correct wording)

The work should be shipped to this Museum collect via _____

Please have the work at this Museum on or before _____

The work will be returned to the lender at the address shown above as soon as possible after the close of the exhibition and should be in your possession by: March 5, 1976

The work will be insured by the Huntsville Museum for the value shown above from the moment the work leaves your premises and until it is returned to your care.

If you prefer to insure the work yourself and bill us, please send a statement from your insurer to the effect that it is co-insured for this item for the entire period of the loan.

May the museum photograph the work for the catalogue and/or for publicity? No

May the Huntsville Museum reproduce the work in the catalogue and/or for publicity? No

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Names:

Fisk, Burke S., Mrs.

Fisk, Sarah Huff

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

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Frances Cabaniss Roberts Collection: Series 4, Subseries D, Box 3, Folder 4
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While on loan, the Huntsville Museum of Art will exercise the same precautions with respect to your property as it does in the case of comparable objects in its own collection.

Any other condition, whether in regard to insurance, restrictions for the care and handling of the work, publicity or acknowledgement of the loan, transportation, etc., should be stated in writing and attached to this form.

The loan of this item is agreed to by:

<u>Jan. 16, 1976</u> (Date)	<u>Sarah Huff Fisk</u> (Lender's Representative)
<u>Jan 16, 76</u> (Date)	<u>Carolyn H. Wood</u> (Huntsville Museum of Art Representative)
	<u>Curator, Registrar</u> (Title)

Names:

Fisk, Sarah Huff

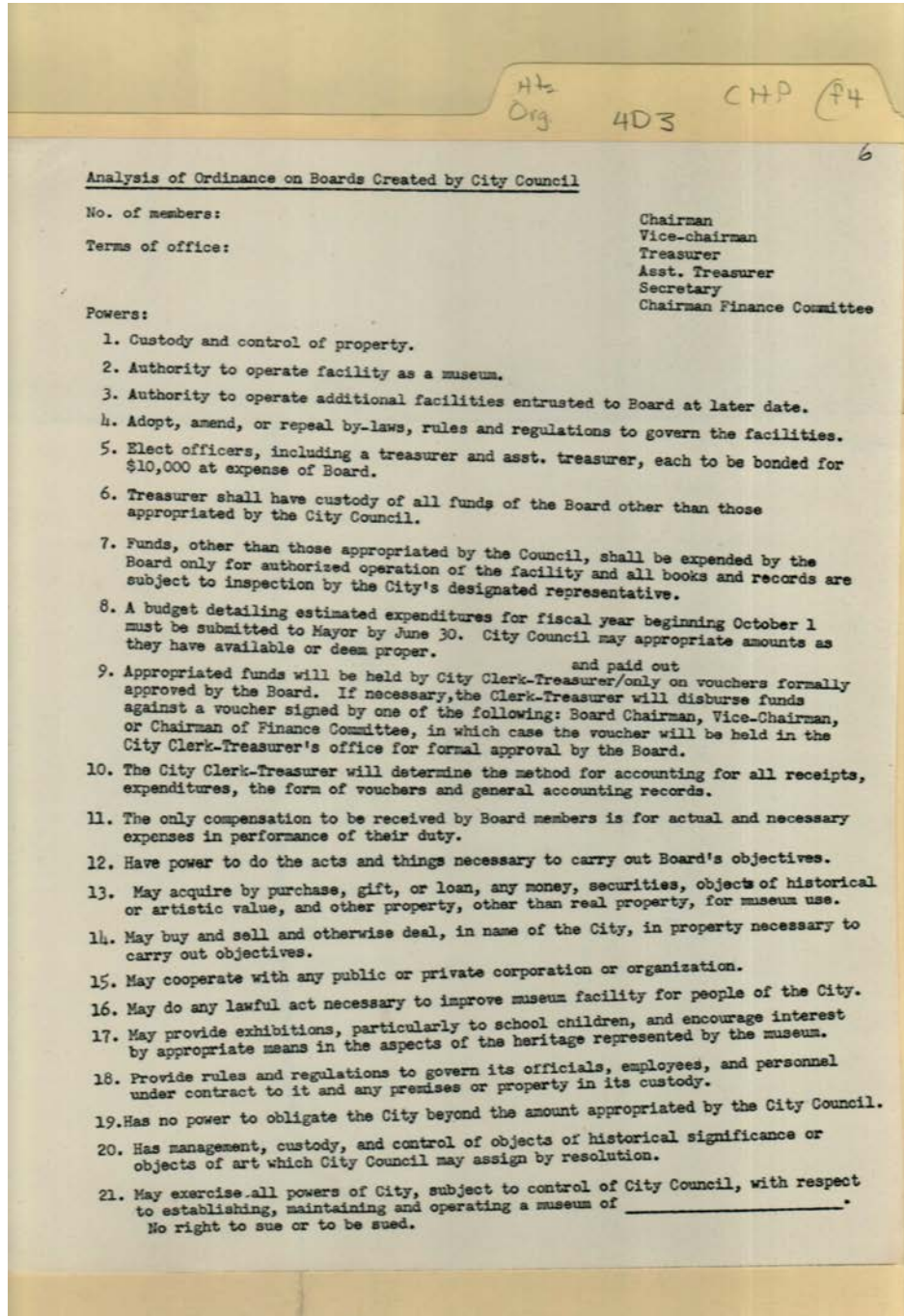
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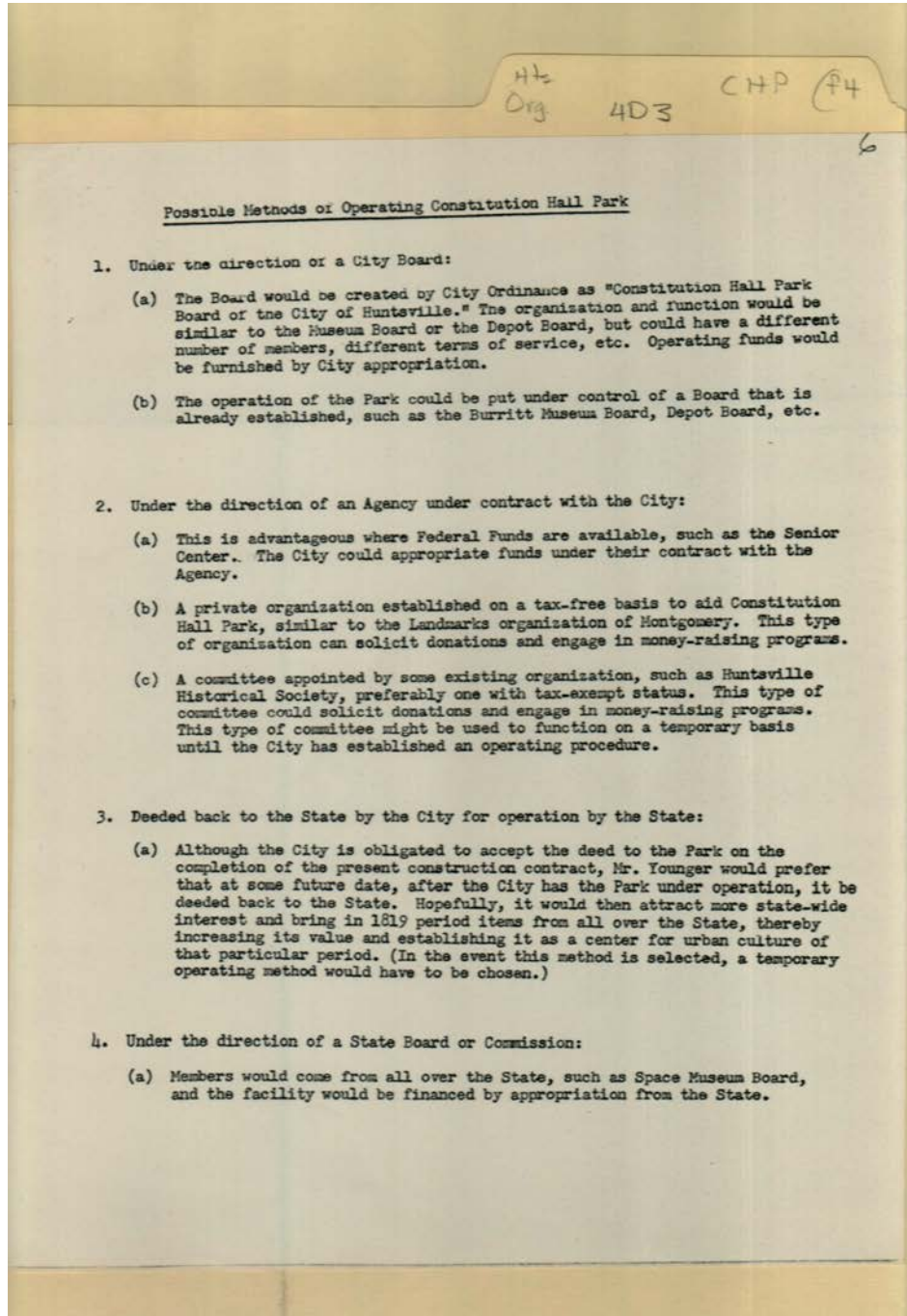


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Boards

Types:

ordinance



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Operating
Constitution Hall

Park

Types:

report

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CONSTITUTION HALL PARK AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT -- 8th Meeting, 10/25/77

TO: Philip Mason*, Frances Roberts, Lynwood Smith*, John White*, Harvie Jones*(Liaison)
FROM: Sarah Fisk* (*Indicates presence)

Meeting Report: Question of correctness of 10/18/77 Report deferred to next meeting.

Milo Howard, Director, Alabama Dept. of Archives and History: This meeting was entirely taken up with a two-hour discussion with Mr. Howard in which he gave us generously from his experience many pointers on museum operation, organizational suggestions, items that are available for loan from the Archives, etc. A brief report of this discussion is grouped by topics as follows: Committee expressed gratitude for Mr. Howard's advice.

Archaeological Dig on Site of Neal House: Mr. Howard advised that the application for a grant from the Alabama Historical Commission for a dig on the site of Neal House be made as soon as possible as applications will be reviewed by the Commission around the first of the year. Sarah reminded the committee that Charlie Younger had advised attaching a letter of permission from Mayor Davis. Harvie stated that he had or could get the proper forms. Sarah will be in touch with Archaeological Society.

National Register: Sarah asked Mr. Howard if he could explain why the attempt made in 1972 by a committee from the Huntsville Historical Society to nominate Constitution Hall Park for the National Register had apparently failed. Mr. Howard stated that he thought they were not considering reconstructed buildings for the Register and that we should try again giving documentation as to the site only, supported by archaeological evidence. He said he thought it might be accepted on that basis, with a little personal groundwork to accompany the application.

Print Shop: Mr. Howard offered the information that Mr. Marcus McConnell of Livingston, Ala., owned an old printing press which he offered at one time to the Archives, but they had no place for it. At that time the press was located in a two-story building that faced on the Square in Livingston. It was hoped that Frances Roberts might know Mr. McConnell or someone in Livingston who might get in touch with him to see if the press is still available and find a description of it. Lynwood also stated that he is acquainted with someone in Livingston who may help us.

In discussing what to do in case an 1819 era press cannot be located, Mr. Howard advised we go with a later date, even as late as 1880, as long as it was hand operated.

Books for Clement C. Clay's Law Library: In discussing the books that would have been in a frontier lawyer's library, Mr. Howard stated that Toulmin's Digest, 1808 edition covering Mississippi laws, would have been a must. Lynwood offered to do some research on other books. Mr. Howard stated that if it were found that the Archives had two copies of any of the books needed, the extra copy would be available to C.H.P. Harvie mentioned that Forrest Herrington had at one time offered an 1819 law book. The name of Wythe Holt was also mentioned as a possible source.

Procedure for Borrowing Furniture or Exhibits: Mr. Howard gave much advice on this subject, which he stated had been acquired over a considerable period of years through trial and error:

1. Have a general rule that nothing be accepted on loan, but make exceptions to this whenever it is really desired to borrow a specific item.
2. Have a loan form drawn up that is specific as to important points that should be clearly understood: Terms of loan, who may call for the object (either "I" will call for it or "so and so" will call) and have it understood that no-one else can get it. Also have it clear that item can be returned at discretion of museum.
3. Set up a thorough Assessing System:
 - a. With owner's permission put identifying number in an obscure spot on the object. On furniture use a little shellac, paint on number, shellac over it.
 - b. Set up card. Cross reference by donor and by object. Put identifying number on all cards and all correspondence and loan form. Attach photographs.
 - c. Tom Boles can help advise on this system.

Names:

Boles, Tom
Clay, Clement C.
Davis, Mayor
Fisk, Sarah

Herrington, Forrest
Holt, Wythe
Howard, Milo
Jones, Harvie

Mason, Philip
McConnell, Marcus
Roberts, Frances
Smith, Lynwood

Toulmin,
White, John
Younger, Charlie

Types:

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Dates:

Oct 25, 1977

Frances Cabaniss Roberts Collection: Series 4, Subseries D, Box 3, Folder 4
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Procedure for Accepting Gifts of Furniture or Exhibits: Mr. Howard agreed with Charlie Younger that no gifts should be accepted without ~~the~~ our having absolute authority to use them or dispose of them as we see fit. He suggested that this issue be handled tactfully with the donor on an individual basis. He stated that the Archives acknowledges gifts by letter, making it clearly understood that the item is a gift, and describing the item fully. If an appraisal of the value of the item is desired by the donor, it is up to him to have it done. Mr. Howard stated that the donor sometimes was hesitant to pay the cost of appraisal and whether the museum paid it would depend on how badly they wanted the item. The same is true of freight charges or drayage. He said if an appraisal is made, it can be mentioned in the letter acknowledging the gift.

Surveyor's Office: Mr. Howard mentioned our acquiring a Land Certificate that was issued by the Huntsville Land Office and said such a Certificate would probably be valued at from \$300 to \$500. Committee agreed that such a Certificate, especially on land in Madison County would be an interesting item to frame for display in the Surveyor's Office.

Display Cases: Mr. Howard advised us to have display cases that were movable and that they should open from the front rather than the back for easy accessibility when changing displays. He cautioned that some of the cases, at least, should be low enough for viewing by school children. He mentioned that there is a specially designed lock to secure the glass panels.

Items Offered on Loan from the Archives: Mr. Howard offered on six-month loan two very important items from the State Archives:

The original 1819 Constitution. (He stated that he hoped to locate the case that was specially designed for it when it was display here in 1969.)

The chair belonging to Alabama's first Governor, William Wyatt Bibb.

In discussing these loans, Mr. Howard stated that security was a big problem and that several items they had loaned recently had been returned in a damaged state.

Paintings for Display: In discussing painting or portraits that would be appropriate for display, Mr. Howard mentioned that the State Supreme Court has a portrait of Clement Comer Clay which was painted when he was Governor. He advised us to apply to the Chief Justice if we wish to get it on temporary loan. It was mentioned that no likeness exists of John Williams Walker or Henry Minor, but there is one of Henry Hitchcock. Also a painting of Thomas Bibb is owned locally.

Descendants of the Signers of the 1819 Constitution: Mr. Howard thought our idea of contacting descendants of the signers for donations was a very good one and offered to let letter go forth under his name as Director or the Alabama Archives endorsing the request. He stated that the Archives has the plates that were made in 1969 of all the signatures.

Methods of Operating the Park: This was discussed at some length and Mr. Howard suggested that we might want to look into forming some sort of private organization that could work as an agency under contract with the city, to be used as a last resort. He referred to the work of the Landmarks organization in Montgomery and their agreement with that City as having been successful. He said the value of looking into this ahead of time, even though it isn't followed up, would be to start to establish tax free status, which takes time. He told us about various money-raising schemes tried by Landmarks and stated that their auctions had been the most successful.

Another possibility suggested by Mr. Howard was the possibility of some organization, such as Huntsville Historical Society, appointing a committee to work on donations until such time as the City acts to establish an organization.

Next Meeting: A work session beginning at 3:00 P.M. until _____ in Lynwood's office library on Friday, Oct. 28, to include formulation and voting on the contents of our report.

Names:

Bibb, Thomas
Bibb, William Wyatt
Clay, Clement Comer

Hitchcock, Henry
Howard,
Minor, Henry

Smith, Lynwood
Walker, John
Williams

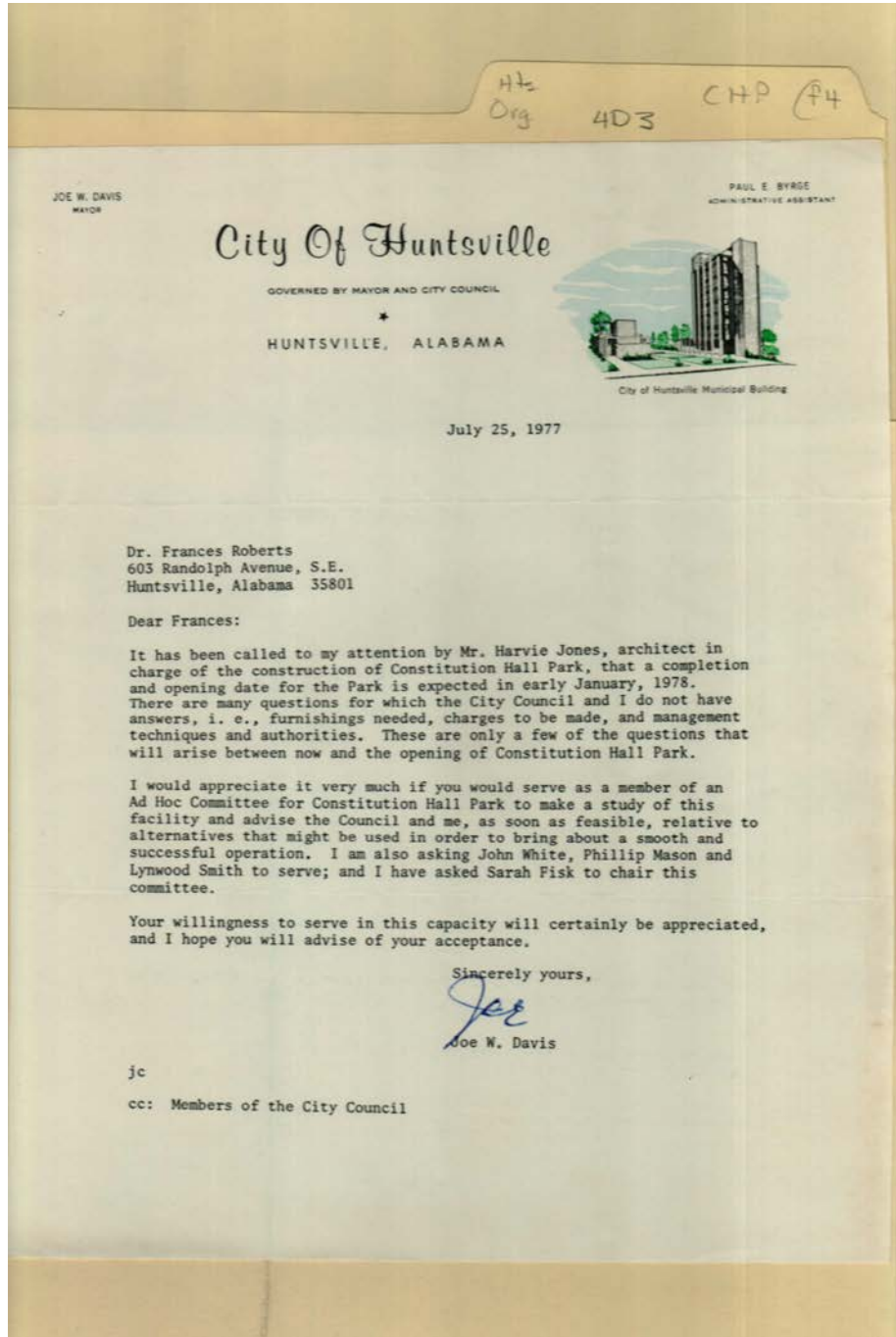
Younger, Charlie

Types:

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Names:

Byrge, Paul E.
Davis, Joe W., Mayor

Fisk, Sarah
Jones, Harvie

Mason, Phillip
Roberts, Frances, Dr.

Smith, Lynwood
White, John

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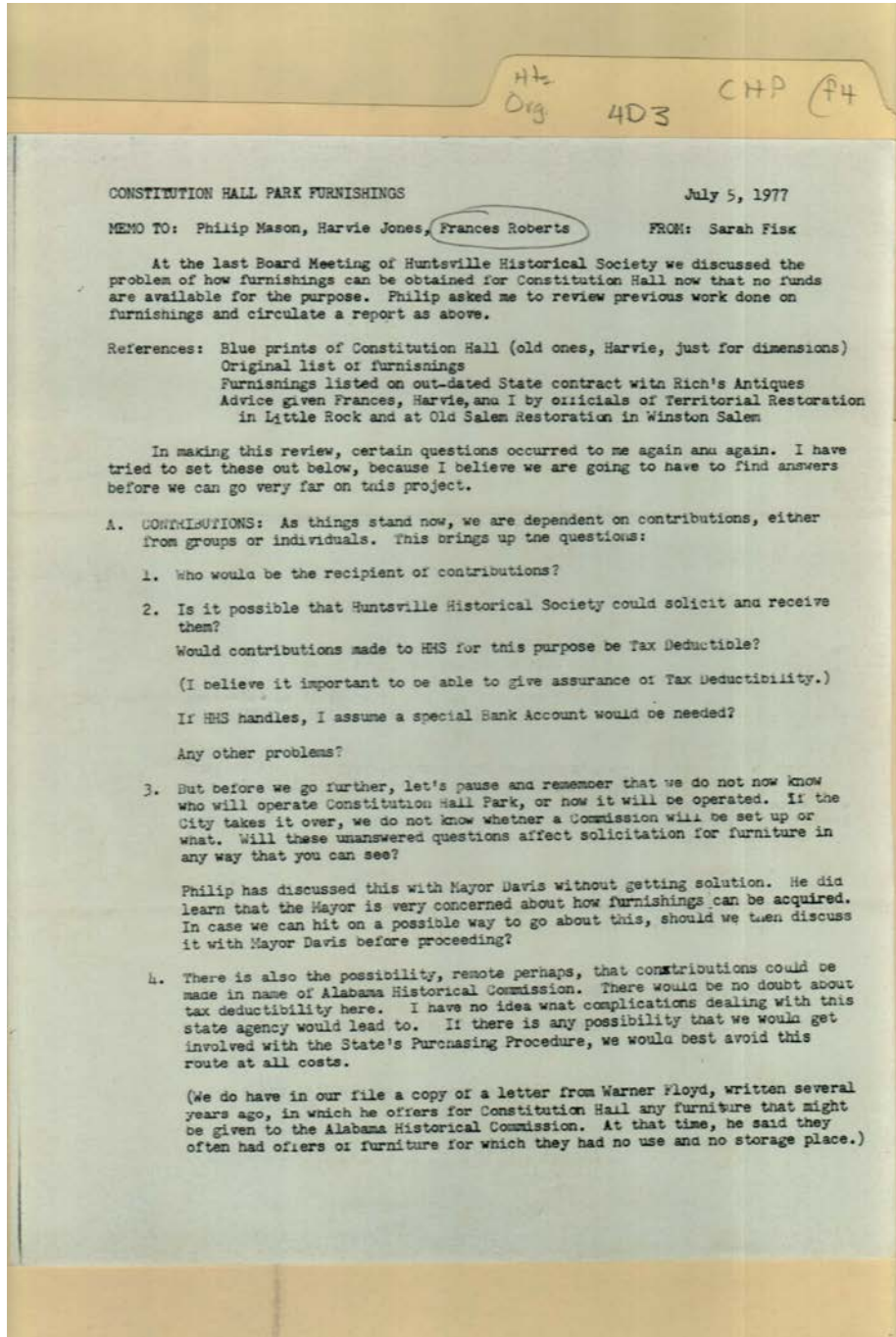
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Dates:

Jul 25, 1977



Names:

Constitution Hall
Park Furnishing

Davis, Mayor
Fisk, Sarah

Floyd, Warner
Jones, Harvie

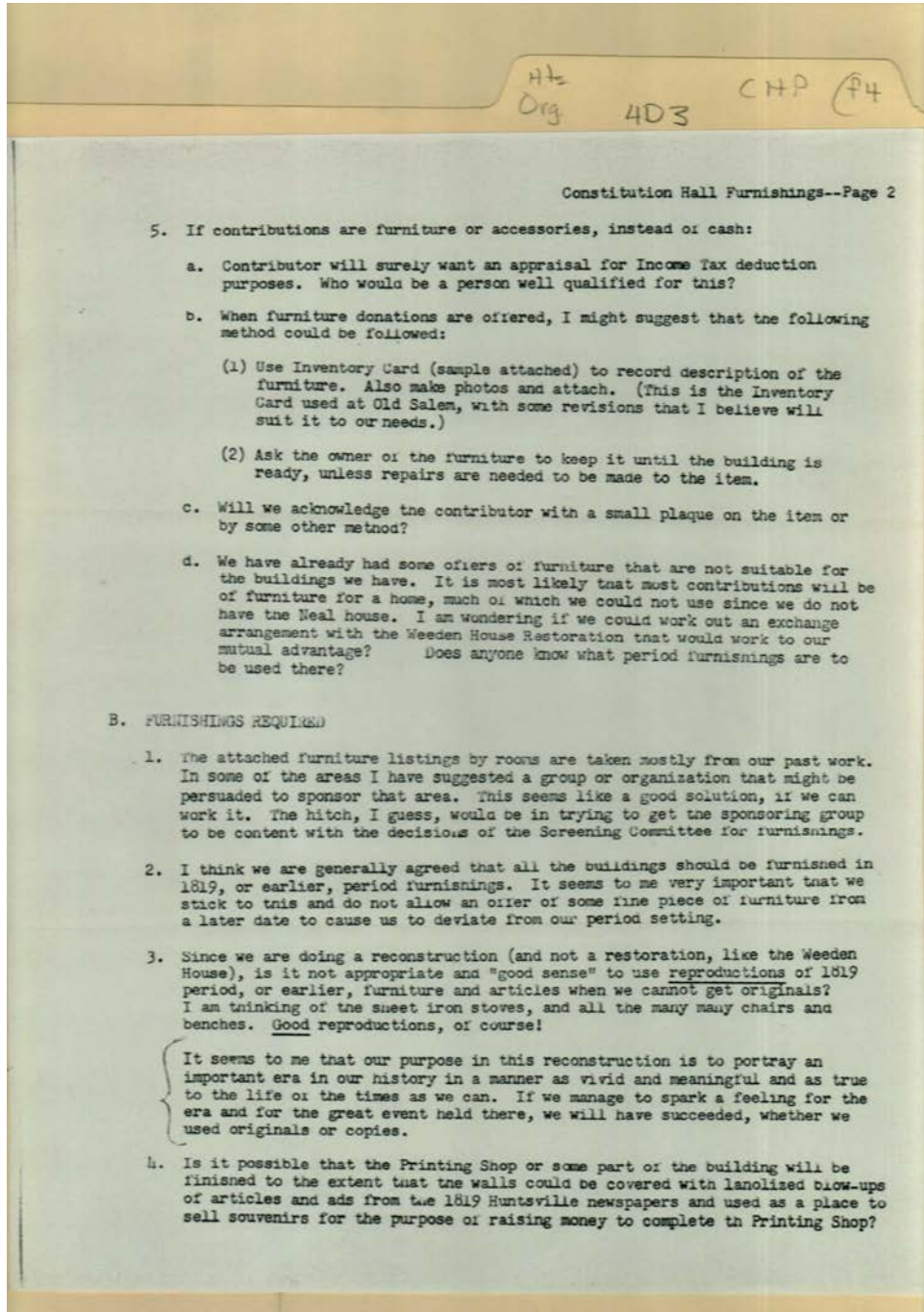
Mason, Philip
Roberts, Frances

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Dates:

Jul 05, 1977



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Maker	
Style	
Material	
Dimensions	

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(Address)	
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Repairs \$	Nature
Date	By
Obvious Defects	

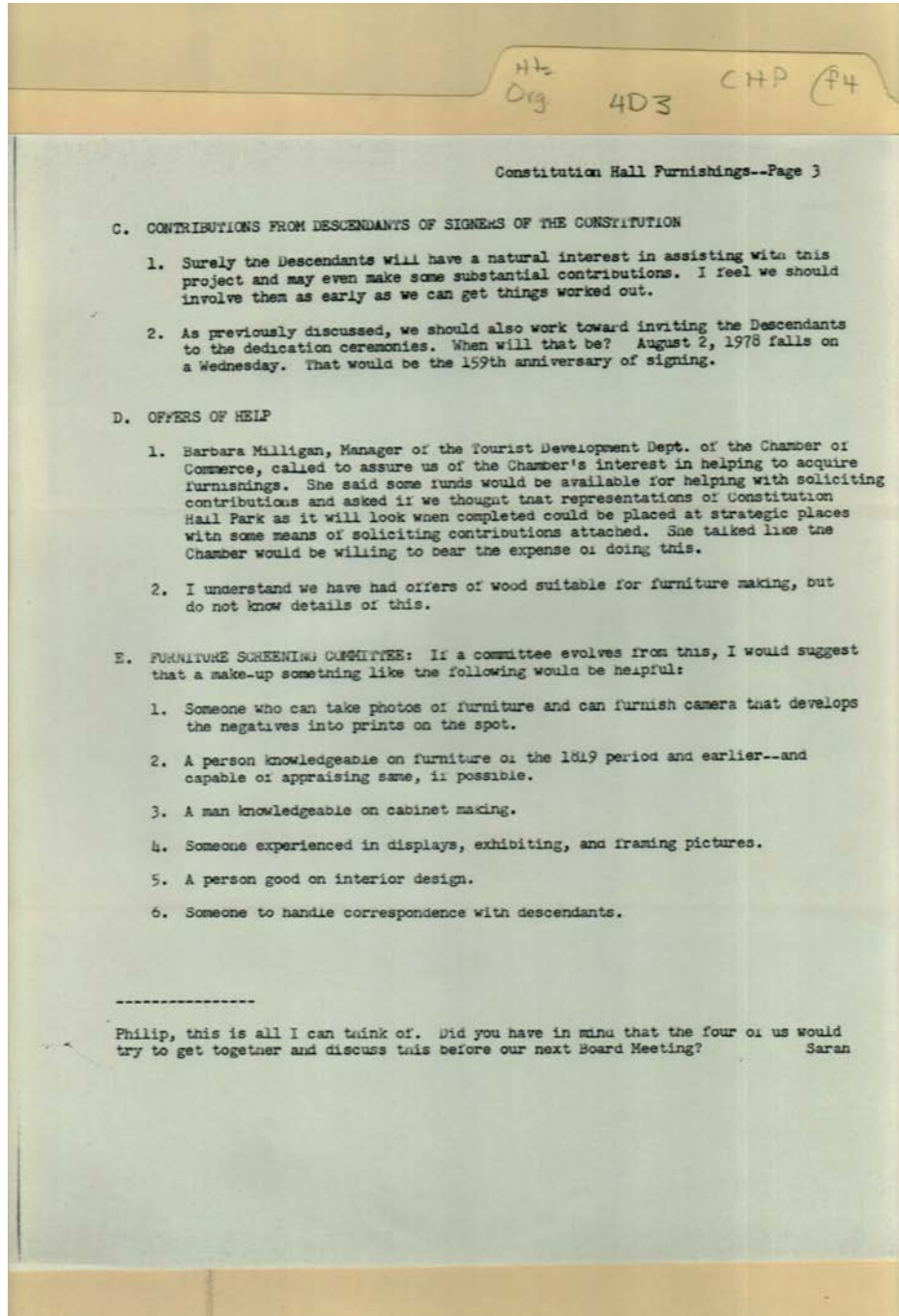
Sample of Inventory Card

Names:

Inventory Card

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Names:
, Philip

, Sarah

Milligan, Barbara

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Constitution Hall Furnishings--Page 4

SUGGESTIONS FOR FURNISHINGS

CONSTITUTION HALL Area: approx. 42 ft. x 35 ft.

Replica of sheet iron stove
*Display cases along walls containing copies of important Statehood documents (to be obtained from Library of Congress)
Portraits of Signers of Constitution (hopefully donated by Descendants)
At least two tables with appointments such as lap desk, ink stands
At least ten Windsor chairs, working up, hopefully, to forty-four
*Display cases will be a major expense here. Originally estimated at \$5,000; probably twice that much now.
Perhaps Descendants will contribute chairs or tables or money for purpose.

CABINET SHOP Area: approx. 16 ft. x 29 ft. 6 in.

Carpenter's Bench and Tools
Replica of sheet iron stove
Furniture in various degrees of completion
(Walls could have some framed enlargements of local cabinet makers newspaper ads)
Lumber
Wonder if we could interest some local cabinet makers in this room?

THEATER Area of Theater: approx. 42 ft. x 35 ft.
" Dressing Room: approx. 16 ft. x 29 ft. 6 in.

In Theater approx. size of stage 10 ft. x 35 ft.
Seating to occupy approx. 32 ft. x 27 ft. (allowance made for stove and stairs)

Replica of sheet iron stove
Approx. twenty benches about 10 or 11 ft. long (would seat 120 people or more)
wall sconces or suitable lights
Theater curtain and appropriate scenery changes for stage
Stage furniture
Theater displays of 1819 period for walls or blow-ups of theater ads and hand-bills

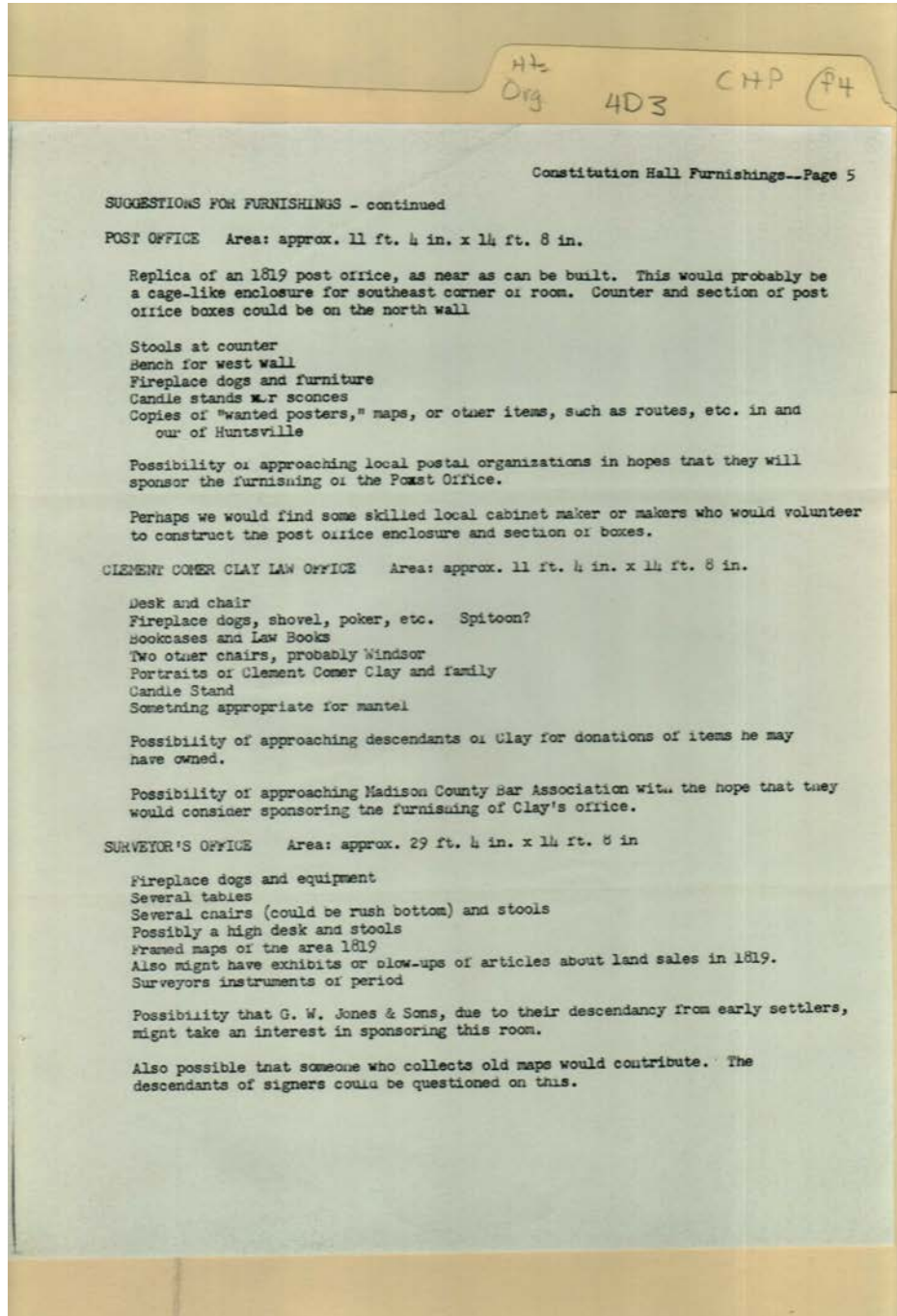
Dressing Room:
Replica of sheet iron stove
Dressing tables, bowls and pitchers
Wardrobes with costumes hanging.
Candlestands or sconces

There is the possibility that stage could be set for a play with dummies dressed in costume.

Or is it possible this could be a real and usable theater where the local Little Theater group could produce melodramas and farces of the period for the benefit of Constitution Hall building or furniture fund. (Plenty of information available on local theater, plays, customs, etc.)

Either way, hopefully, we can interest Little Theater group in sponsoring or helping to sponsor this room.

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Names:

Clay, Clement Comer

G. W. Jones & Sons

Types:

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CONSTITUTION HALL PARK Meeting with Mayor Davis July 15, 1977
Philip Mason
Frances Roberts
Harvie Jones
Mrs. Burke Fisk

Questions: Acquisition of Furnishings
Operation of Park
Funds for Completion of Buildings

Buildings now under construction or planned:

Constitution Hall (corner Gates and Franklin)
First floor, main room--to be arranged as it might have been for the 1819 meeting of the Constitution Convention. Walls will be used for displays of historical documents pertaining to Statehood.
First floor, small back room--a cabinet maker's shop, with carpenter's tools and furniture in process of construction. (This represents the remains of Walker Allen's shop, for which purpose the building was originally constructed and used.)
Second floor--as this large room was often used for theatrical performances, we propose that it be set up as a theater of the period, with possibility that melodramas and farces might be presented there as a money raising effort.

Clement Comer Clay's Building (small two story building facing Franklin)
First floor, front room--As this housed the Huntsville Post Office, we plan a replica of same.
First floor, back room--this area will be set up as Clay's law office
Second floor, one large room--as this was the United States Surveyor's office, we plan to try to create a replica of same.

Boardman Print Shop and Law Office: (two-story building facing Madison)
Only have money for construction of outside shell at present.
(This building housed the office of the Alabama Republican newspaper that printed the proceedings of the Convention and the Constitution. It is proposed eventually to recreate the newspaper office and printing shop, as well as John Boardman's office as Editor.)

First Library in the State: (small building facing Madison)
No funds available.
(The Huntsville Library was opened here in the law office of John N. S. Jones. It is proposed to recreate this. A number of the original books have been discovered.)

Home of Stephen Neal: (two story house at corner of Madison and Gates)
Home built and occupied by Madison County's first Sheriff. It is proposed to recreate the home with stable and outbuildings. No funds available at present.
(This is an important site for archeological research prior to the time when funds are found to construct the buildings.)

Other Outbuildings on the Site:
Funds are not now available to build several small buildings and stables originally planned.

Names:

Boardman, John
Clay, Clement Comer

Davis, Mayor
Fisk, Burke, Mrs.

Jones, John N. S.
Mason, Philip

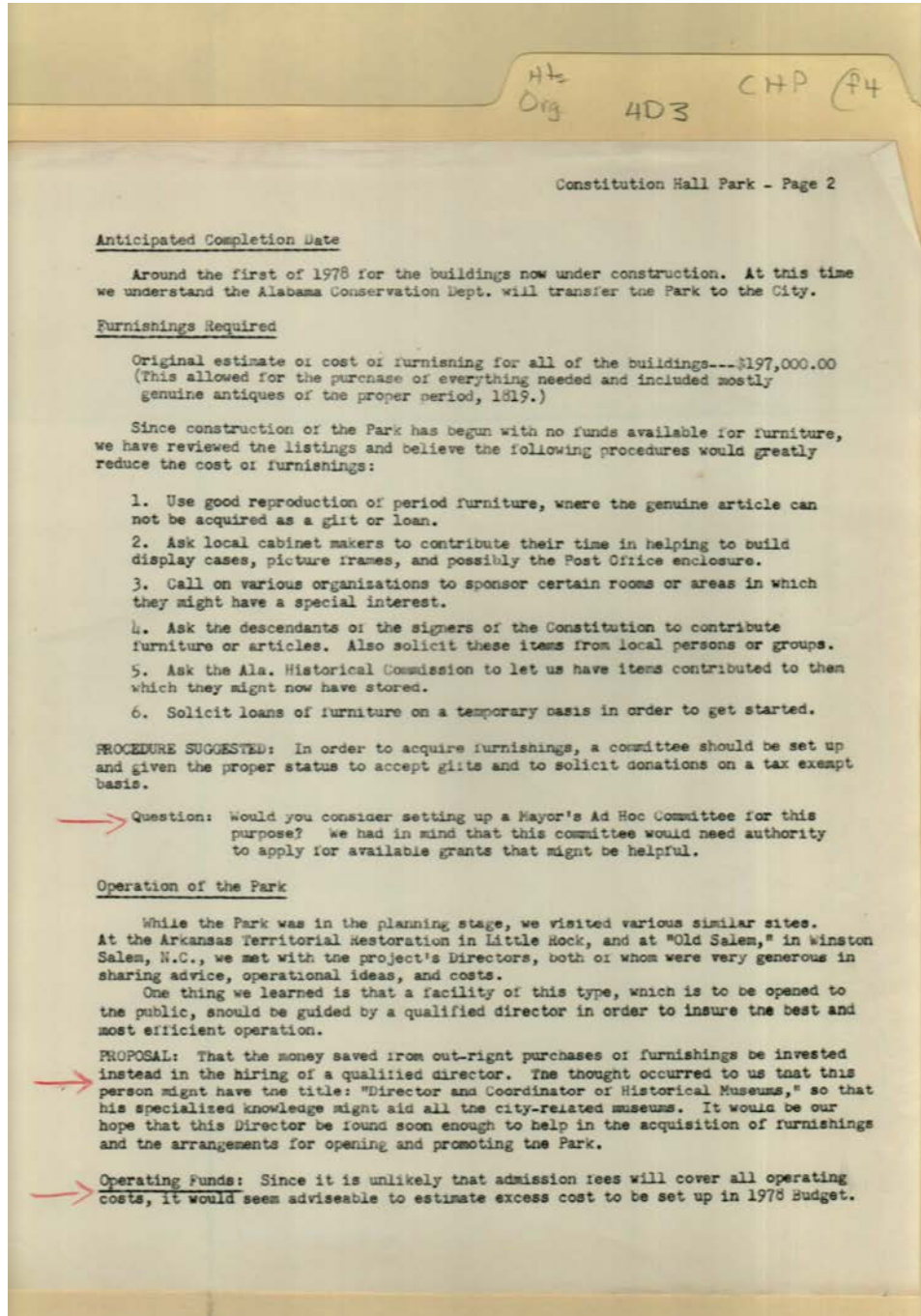
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Roberts, Frances

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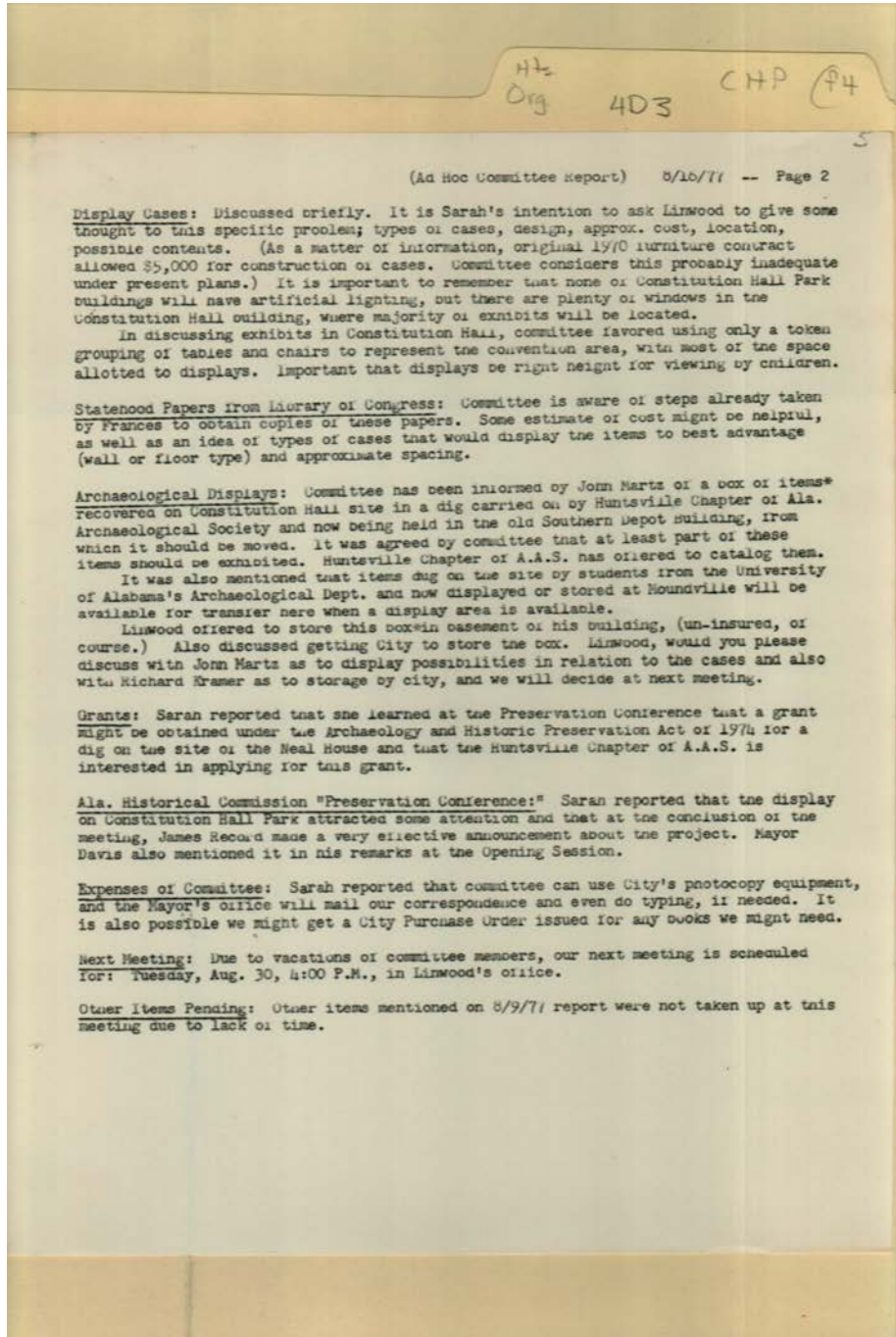
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Names:

Davis, Mayor
Fisk, Sarah

Martz, John
Record, James

Roberts, Frances
Smith, Lynwood

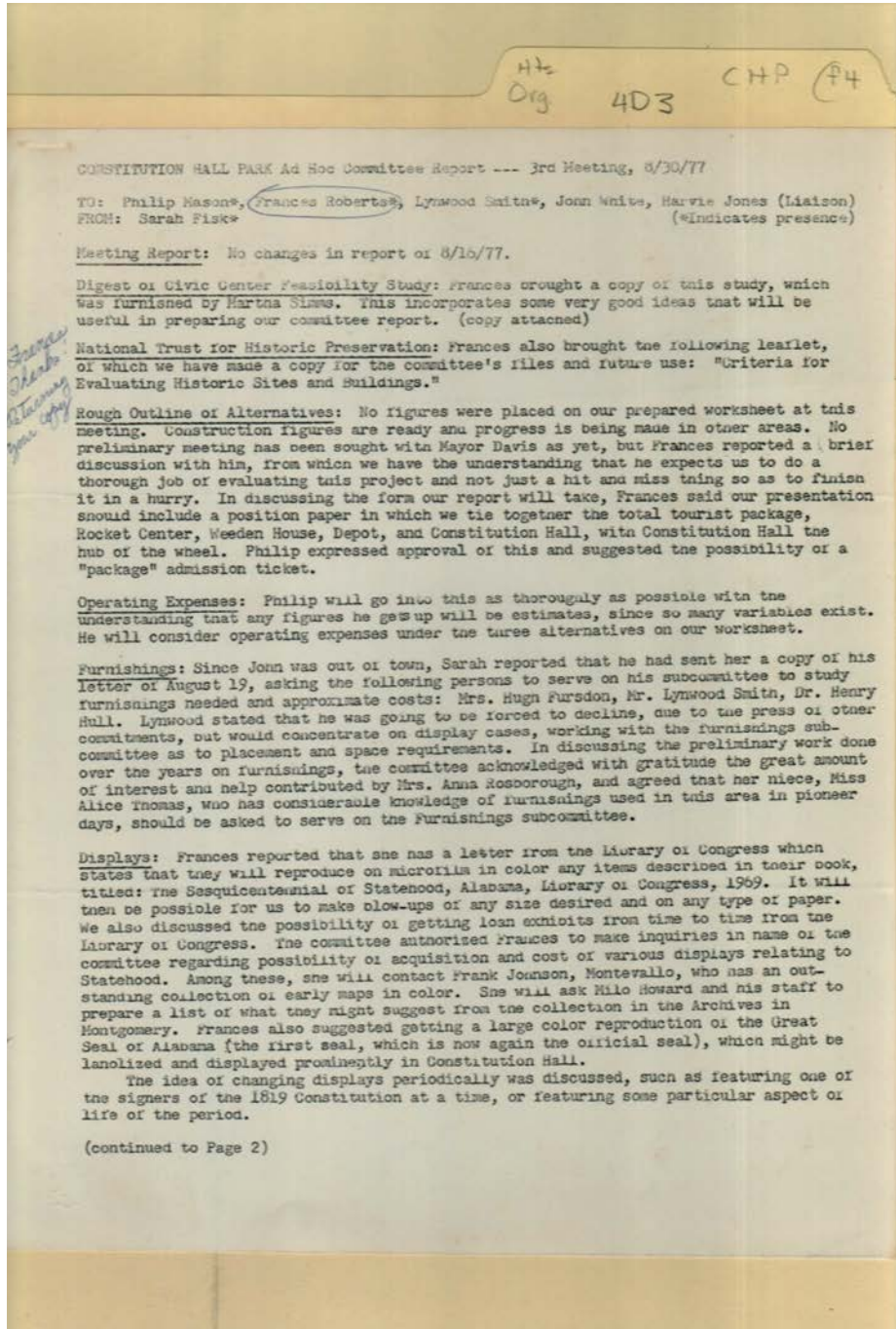
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Frances Cabaniss Roberts Collection: Series 4, Subseries D, Box 3, Folder 4

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Names:

Davis, Mayor	Hull, Henry, Dr.	Roberts, Frances	Smith, Lynwood
Fisk, Sarah	Johnson, Frank	Rosborough, Anna,	White, John
Fursdon, Hugh, Mrs.	Jones, Harvie	Mrs.	
Howard, Milo	Mason, Philip	Simms, Martha	

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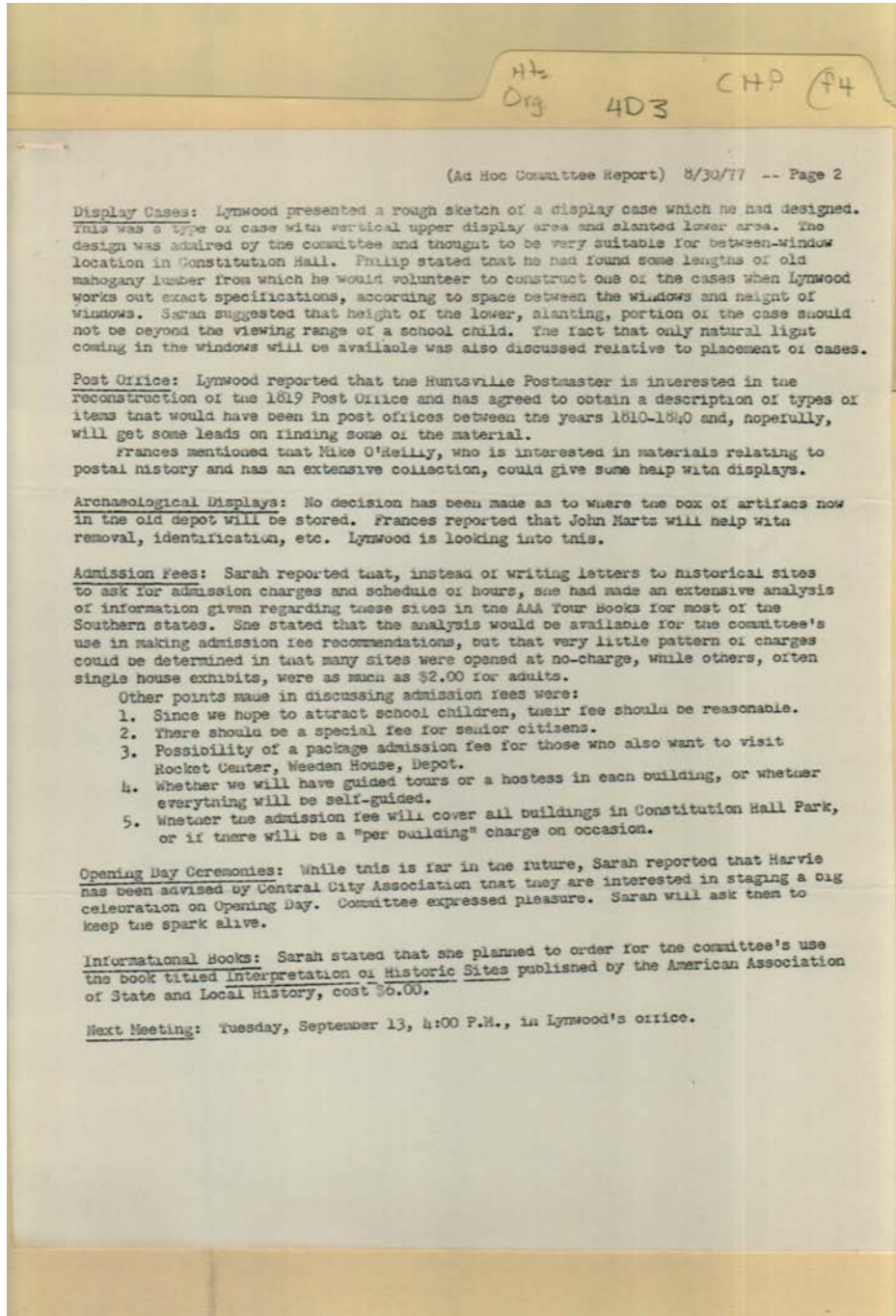
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Dates:

Aug 30, 1977

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Constitution Hall Park Materials, circa 1970s (4 of 10)

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Names:

Fisk, Sarah
Jones, Harvie

Martz, John
Mason, Philip

O'Reilly, Mike
Roberts, Frances

Smith, Lynwood

Types:

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Dates:

Aug 30, 1977

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CONSTITUTION HALL PARK Ad Hoc Committee Report --- 2nd Meeting, 8/16/77

TO: Philip Mason*, Frances Roberts, Linwood Smith*, John White*, Harvie Jones (Liaison)
FROM: Sarah Fisk* (indicates presence)

Meeting Report: Distributed 8/9/77 Report, no changes.

Deadline for report to Mayor Davis: Sarah reported conversation with Mayor Davis in which he emphasized instructions in his letter were only to study and recommend. Committee discussed and acknowledged that their understanding of our function DOES not include taking action on legislation, fund raising, soliciting, hiring a director--only to suggest.

Rough Outline of Alternatives: Harvie furnished construction costs as of Feb., 1977 on construction not included in present contract and estimated an inflation rate of 9% per year. Committee discussed a work sheet for alternatives. Attached is copy of a sheet drawn up for that purpose. An attempt to fill in this work sheet will come first on our agenda for next meeting, as it was decided that we would seek our first report meeting with the Mayor in early September, even though it will be necessary to leave furnishings cost open to adjustment after our re-evaluation is completed.

Finances: Sarah reported that Mayor Davis expressed opinion that any legislation attempt at September special session of Legislature would be useless, but mentioned January session. Committee understands all such efforts must be cleared through the Mayor. Sarah clarified James Record's earlier suggestion that legislation be sought, as meaning a "Dual-Purpose Bill" (possibly attached to some other legislation) that would make it legal for both counties and municipalities to contribute to Constitution Hall Park. (This was one method used for raising funds for "Statue Ship Alabama," for which Madison County contributed \$1,000.) However, committee realizes that attempts to raise capital funds are not a function of our committee; only to suggest.

Furnishings: Sarah reported verbal expression of interest from Milo Howard and Warner Floyd in furnishings that might be transferred from their State Agencies for use in Constitution Hall Park. Nothing specific yet.

A discussion of some of the types of furnishings and costs specified in 1970 contract (un-negotiated) between State of Alabama and Rich's Antiques of Decatur, revealed need for a new study and cost estimate of furnishings needed. Following a motion by Philip, second by Linwood, Sarah appointed John to chair a sub-committee to make this study and estimate. Committee expressed appreciation to John for his willingness to undertake this task. He was asked to select his own committee. Attached is copy of letter of appointment giving instructions to this committee.

Philip suggested that we alert Mayor Davis to have City's purchasing laws studied as to their relation to purchasing antiques; question being whether bids required, or are antiques an exception to this rule, as under State purchasing laws.

Director: Decided to make no search for Director at present, but to recommend to Mayor Davis that one be hired as soon as possible.

Operating Expenses: Discussed preparation of an Operating Budget for the Park. It is Sarah's intention to ask Philip to work specifically on this, bearing in mind what operating costs might be if all buildings completed and opened or only part completed, according to attached Outline of Alternatives. We will expect to discuss questions relating to this at our next meeting.

Admission Fees: Discussed how to determine admission fees and on Philip's suggestion, Sarah will write as many historical sites as possible, asking for admission fee information, schedule of hours open, and a brochure, if available. Hope to get enough information to discuss this at our next meeting.

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Names:

Davis, Mayor
Fisk, Sarah
Floyd, Warner

Howard, Milo
Jones, Harvie
Mason, Philip

Record, James
Roberts, Frances
Smith, Lynwood

White, John

Types:

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Dates:

Aug 16, 1977

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CONSTITUTION HALL PARK Ad Hoc Committee Report -- Informal Meeting (Review) 8/2/77

TO: Harvie Jones*, Philip Mason, Frances Roberts, Linwood Smith*, John White*
FROM: Sarah Fisk* (* indicates presence)

Review: Architectural plans were reviewed and discussed. Site was visited. Also reviewed meeting with Mayor Davis on 7/15/77. Distributed: Copies of suggestions made to Mayor Davis; copies of furniture plans by room, as previously worked out.

Finances: It is understood that finances stand thus:
Site purchased by Ala. Dept. of Conservation from Hts. Housing Authority --- \$210,000
Present construction funded by State, retaining contract authority ----- 500,000
City has released funds from Community Development Block Grant ----- (approx.) 90,000
No funds are available for the following:
Completion of interior of Boardman House
Construction of Neal Residence and various outbuildings on the site
Furnishings or exhibits for any of the buildings
Cost of landscaping is covered by present contract. (Total contract: \$535,000)
(Question raised as to whether County will contribute. Sarah will discuss this informally with James Record.)

Furnishings: It is hoped that Ala. Historical Commission and Ala. Dept. of Archives and History will agree to transfer furniture in storage, or otherwise available, that would be appropriate for CHP. Harvie will discuss with Warner Floyd and Milo Howard.

Director: Discussed Mayor's suggestion that a Director could be hired with Federal funds, \$10,000/year, if person unemployed and local resident for at least six months. Those present agreed applicant could be a woman, if qualified. John has in mind several graduate students who might be considered. He will discuss with Frances.
(Note: Since it is agreed that person chosen would need a number of qualifications, it might be possible to place those under consideration on a sub-committee in order to observe their interest and abilities.)

Publicity: It was agreed among those present that ill-timed publicity or publicity with negative approach would be very bad at this stage and that we should work as quietly as possible. Though difficulties are great, a positive approach of the true value of the project should be foremost in our minds.

Post Office 1819: We understand the Huntsville Postmaster is interested in historical sites. Linwood, would you please ask him if he can find out what an 1819 postoffice might have looked like and contained? Perhaps you can gauge his interest.

Paint Colors for Buildings: Harvie, as requested, I am getting together Huntsville ads around 1819 for sale of paints, so house paint colors can be determined.

Old House Catalog: This catalog, which has a bibliography of catalogs, suppliers, etc. for restoration and furnishing of period houses, has been purchased for our use (\$8.44)

Next Meeting:
Tuesday, Aug. 9, 4:00 P.M., in Linwood's office, new building on East Side Square.

AGENDA: Try to establish a tentative deadline
Approve a rough outline of possible alternatives
Reports from committee members on pending items
what can be accomplished at Ala. Hist. Commission meeting here on 8/12-13?
What available grants do you know of?
Discuss ideas as time permits (see attached list of ideas put forward to date)
Try to adjourn by 5:15 p.m.

(Mrs. Burke S. Fisk, 3420 No. Broad Pl. S.W., 35805, Phone 534-1365)

*Linwood
Hope this
is agreed
time for you*

Names:

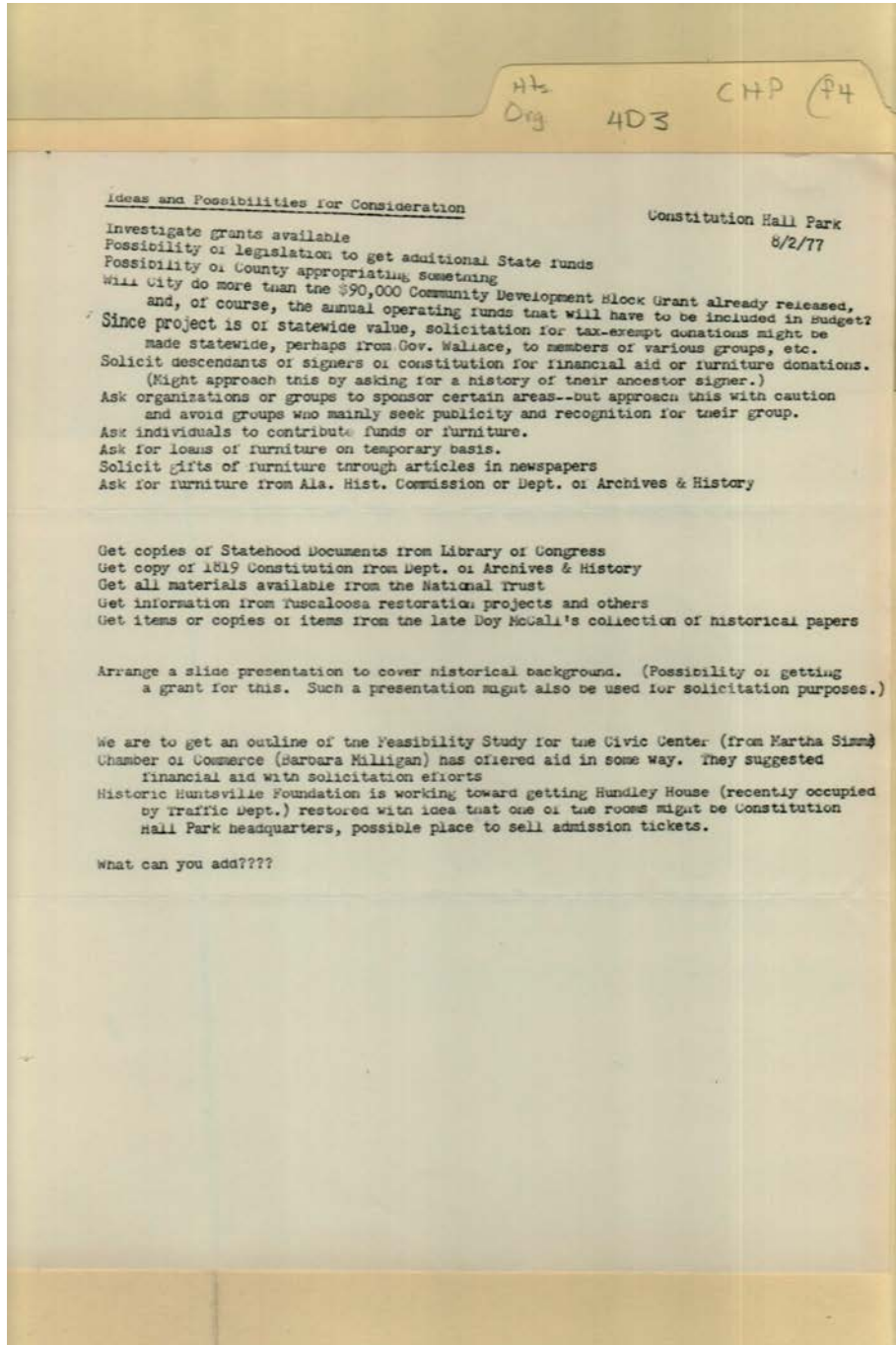
Davis, Mayor	Floyd, Warner	Mason, Philip	Smith, Lynwood
Fisk, Burke S., Mrs.	Howard, Milo	Record, James	White, John
Fisk, Sarah	Jones, Harvie	Roberts, Frances	

Types:

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Dates:

Aug 02, 1977



Names:

Milligan, Barbara

Simms, Martha

Wallace, Governor

Types:

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Dates:

Aug 02, 1977

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CONSTITUTION HALL PARK Ad Hoc Committee Report -- First Meeting 8/9/77

TO: Philip Mason*, Frances Roberts*, Linwood Smith*, John White*, Harvie Jones (Liaison)
FROM: Sarah Fisk* (*Indicates presence)

Meeting Report: Approved issuance by Sarah, instead of electing a secretary.

Deadline for Report to Mayor Davis: Determined the Mayor's instructions to committee as:

1. Study furnishings needed.
2. Recommend charges to be made.
3. Recommend management techniques and authorities.
4. Study facility relative to alternatives for smooth and successful operation.
5. Report to Mayor and City Council as soon as feasible.

(Mentioned verbal discussions re Director, etc., which he did not include in letter.)
We deferred selection of tentative deadline for report.

Rough Outline of Possible Alternatives: Sarah to ask Harvie to furnish construction costs for completion of various portions of project. Discussed importance of office for director and available restrooms for public before project opens. Possibility of using this need as a talking point for more capital funds.

Finances: Sarah reported on informal discussion with James Record in which he suggested legislation at September special session of Legislature. Also discussed his suggestion that since project is of state-wide interest, we should ask other counties (especially original counties) for capital funds. He offered to contact commissioners when time comes. In discussion, it was suggested that someone might approach Gov. Wallace to ask for more funds, or that we might get appropriation attached to some bill going thru Legislature in September. Decided to go as a group to discuss with Mayor Davis. Sarah to arrange.

Furnishings: Harvie reported (by phone) he had written Warner Floyd and Milo Howard to inquire what we might expect if we ask for furnishings available from their departments.

Director: John and Frances report good possibility for Director. Committee authorized them to make tentative contact and discuss with person suggested. It was mentioned that we would have to prepare a suggested Budget for operation of Director's office.

Post Office: Linwood reported no contact with Postmaster as yet.

Digest of Civic Center Feasibility Study: Sarah reported that Martha Simms is preparing.

Ala. Historical Commission Meeting: Decided to try to accomplish following:

1. Philip to set up display on Constitution Hall Park, include Peter Lowe's drawing.
2. Sarah to ask James Record to bring to attention of entire meeting our efforts to reconstruct Constitution Hall Park.
3. Discuss furniture possibilities with Milo Howard and Warner Floyd.
4. Possible ideas to be gained at Work Sessions of Conference.

Grants: Discussed possibility of grant for a slide presentation on C.H.P., also use it for promotion and solicitation.

Weeden House: Decided it might be helpful to ask Charlie Younger if City could pay Housing Authority for Weeden House in credits. If so, would relieve group who took it over from the initial \$40,000 paid. Then, if City could lease it to Twickenham Dist. Assoc. for \$1.00/year, it was believed the Assoc. could handle operations without more funds.

Ideas: Various miscellaneous ideas expressed were added to list to be up-dated later.

Next Meeting: Linwood offered his office. Agreed that Tuesdays at 4:00 P.M. is good time. Sarah to notify members after our meeting with Mayor.

Names:

Davis, Mayor
Fisk, Sarah
Floyd, Warner
Howard, Milo

Jones, Harvie
Lowe, Peter
Mason, Philip
Record, James

Roberts, Frances
Simms, Martha
Smith, Lynwood
Wallace, Governor

White, John
Younger, Charlie

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Dates:

Aug 09, 1977

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CONSTITUTION HALL Buildings	Construction Funded 1977 Contract	Construction Not Funded Cost Est. *	Furnishings Not Funded Cost Est. ©	TOTAL Not Funded As of 9/1/77	Est. Total Capital Outlay For Project	Est. Operating Expenses	Admiss. Fee	Est. Income from Admissions
1. Alternative: All buildings in original plan constructed, completed, furnished, and opened to public:								
Constitution Hall								
Clay Building								
Boardman House								
Neal Residence								
1. TOTAL								
2. Alternative: All buildings begun in 1977 constructed, completed, furnished, and opened to public:								
Constitution Hall								
Clay Building								
Boardman House								
Neal Residence								
2. TOTAL								
3. Alternative: Only Constitution Hall and Clay Building are completed, furnished, and opened to public:								
Constitution Hall								
Clay Building								
Boardman House								
Neal Residence								
3. TOTAL								

* Cost Est. of Additional Construction, if contracted reo. 1970, is Architect's figures from 1977 Bid Basis plus 9%.
© Est. Cost of furnishings is subject to change, now under re-evaluation.

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INVITATION LIST for GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONIES for CONSTITUTION HALL PARK, April 24, 1977

All members of Alabama Legislature
Governor George C. Wallace (also letter written by Mr. Mason in advance)
Mr. Cordee C. Mason)
Mr. Claude D. Kelley) Ala. Dept. of Conservation, 64 N. Union St., Montgomery, 36130
Mr. Harry E. Neel) (also letter written by Mr. Mason in advance)
Mr. Frank A. McLean)
Lt. Gov. Jere Beasley
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Mr. Robert F. Coates) On Housing Authority (Mr. E. Glenn Cope
Mr. Stan Johnson) when they sold Constitution (Mr. Tom Percer
Mr. C. Butler Hagland) Hall property to Ala. Dept. (Mr. John Schaffer
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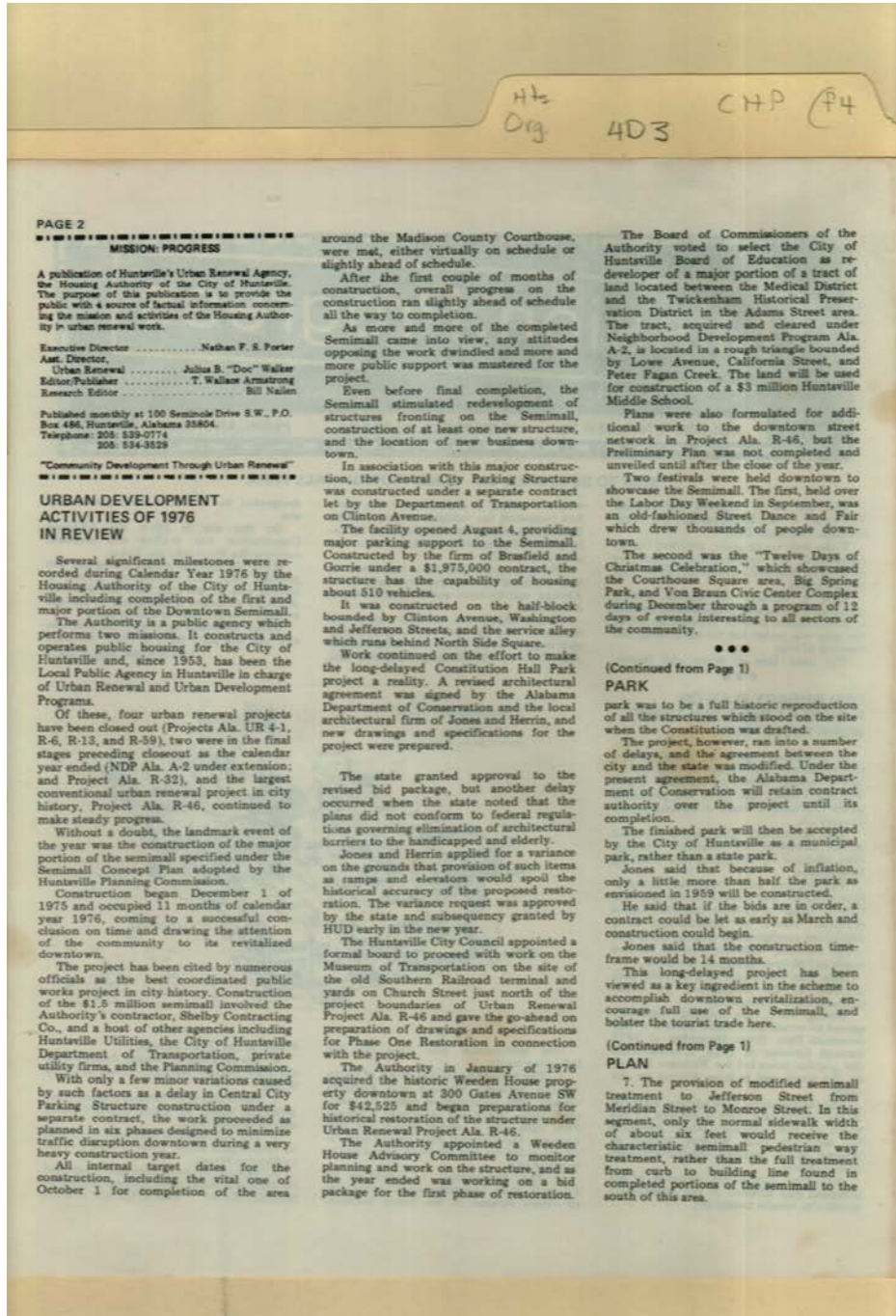
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The National Park Service is now reviewing the Phase I Restoration drawings for rehabilitation of the old Southern Railroad Depot downtown into a Museum of Transport.

When the review is complete and the drawings approved, the City of Huntsville will advertise for bids on this phase of the depot project.

The Phase I package calls for exterior restoration only to the three buildings and the platform shed in the Southern Depot complex.

Under the concept plan governing the entire project, the depot and its grounds is to be converted into a museum which will link the historic development of Huntsville's urbanized area to the development of all forms of transportation, including railroads.

The Depot is located just south of the project boundaries of Urban Renewal Project Ala. R-46 on Church Street. The proposed museum would work with other historic attractions inside Project Ala. R-46 including the Weeden House and Constitution Park to create a tourist catchment area generally beneficial to downtown revitalization.

Guy Spencer of the Museum Depot Board estimates the total cost of museum development at about \$900,000.

He said that so far as can be determined, the creation of a museum under the present concept plan would result in a facility unique in America.

He said that the \$82,000 presently committed to the project should virtually cover Phase I work, and that additional funding sources were being sought.

"With funding sources still to be assembled," he said, "it is probably going to take us quite a while to completely develop the museum."

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BIDS TO BE LET ON WEEDEN HOUSE PHASE ONE RESTORATION

Bids will be opened January 28 on the first phase of restoration work to the Weeden House downtown by the Housing Authority of the City of Huntsville.

The bid package includes all operations needed to clear contemporary areas of the structure and generally get it ready for the actual restoration, which will be accomplished under a separate contract.

The Weeden House, listed in the 1972 National Register of Historic Places, is being restored by the Authority under Urban Renewal Project Ala. R-46.

Though it was not listed in the National Register until seven years after approval of Project R-46, HUD approved the historic restoration as a permissible item in the overall R-46 project plan.

The Federal Urban Renewal Acts were the first in national history to recognize the need for preservation of the nation's historic heritage through allocation of public funds for the preservation and restoration of landmark historical structures.

The Authority will attempt to recreate in accurate detail the way the structure appeared during the Howard Weeden period.

The Weeden House is located at the intersection of Gates Avenue and Green Street just off the recently completed Semimall.

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Pre-Civil War structure has new lease on life as Transportation Museum.



Sketch of Howard Weeden House as it will appear following restoration

Names:

Howard Weeden House

Spencer, Guy

Transportation Museum

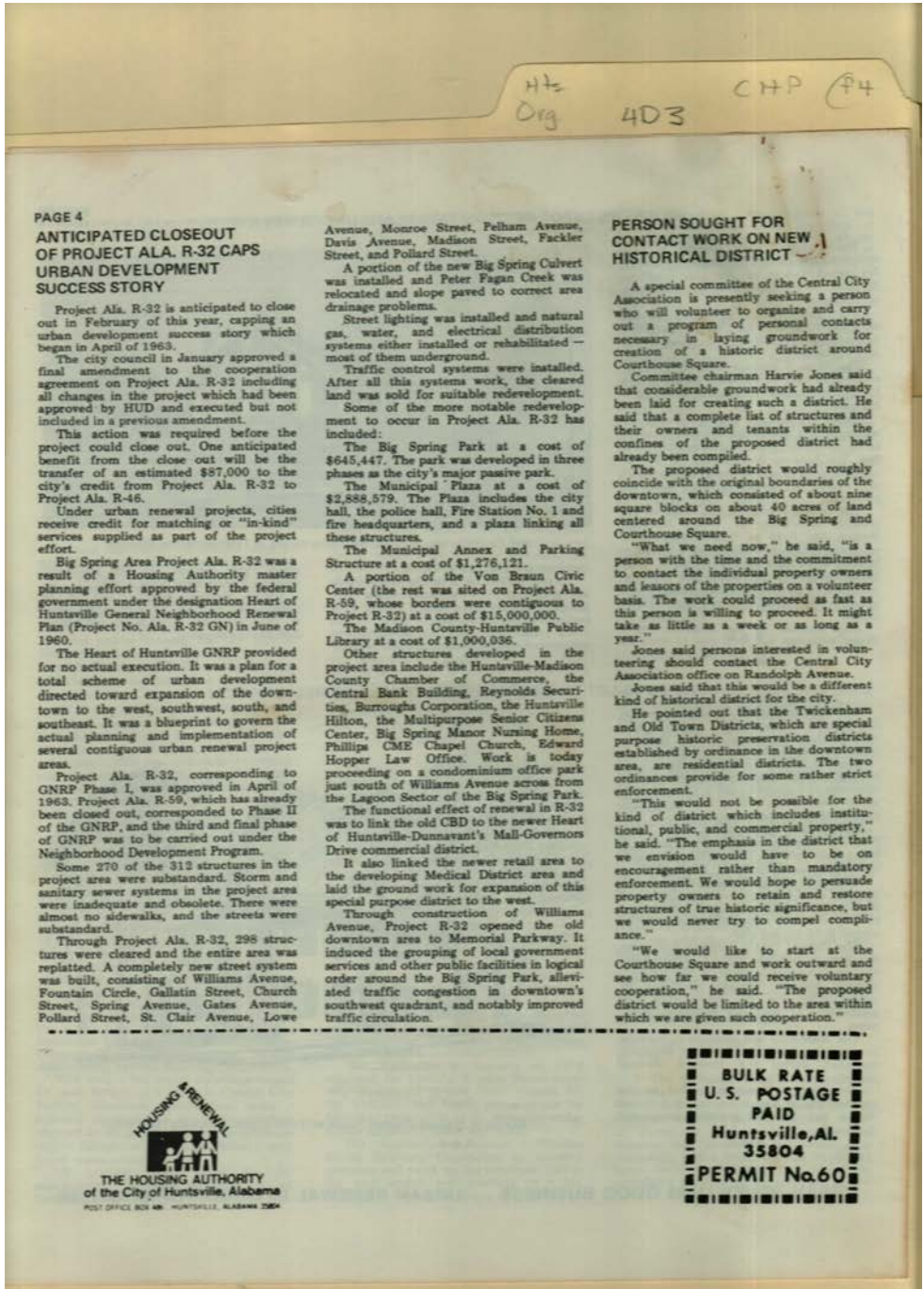
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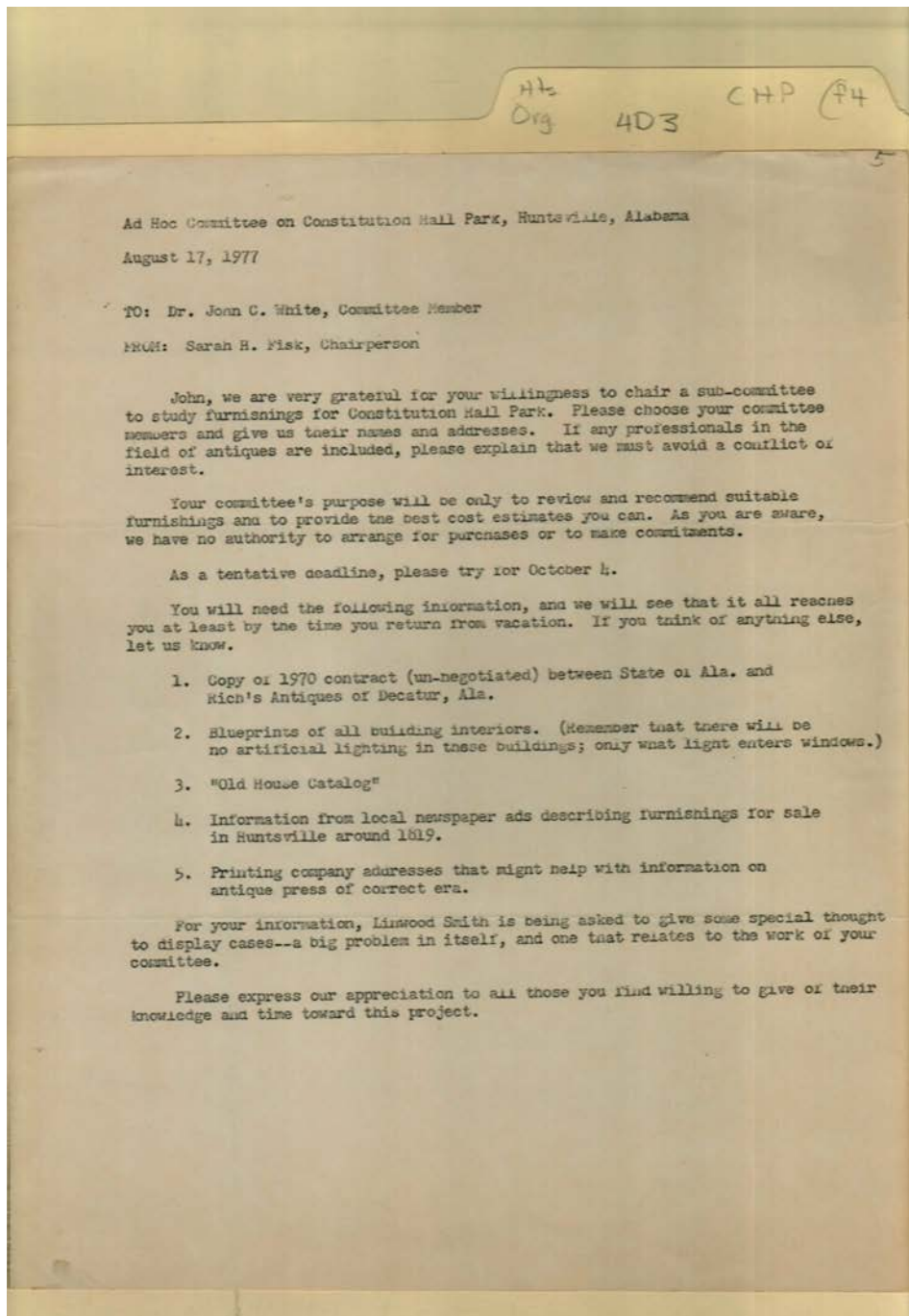


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