

Chapter 13

HISTORY MUSEUM

Sec. 13-1. Designation of property; compliance with gift.

(a) The property conveyed to the city in trust by deed of Mrs. Frances J. Middendorf, dated December 24, 1949, recorded with Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in book 7524, page 272, shall be known as the Jackson Homestead.

(b) The use of the Jackson Homestead shall be guided by the provision in such deed, "that said present residence shall be preserved as an object of local historic interest as well as for its architectural qualities, and that the benefits of ownership of said premises shall be shared by and inure to all of the inhabitants of Newton by the dedication of said premises to one or more of all of the public uses and purposes." (Rev Ords. 1999, § 18-111; Ord. No. X-194, 12-19-05)

Sec. 13-2. Director.

There shall be a Director of the history museum who shall be appointed by the mayor. (Ord. No. X-194, 12-19-05)

Sec. 13-3. Duties of Director

(a) The director shall have charge and management of the history museum. The director shall carry out the city's museum function including preservation, documentation, exhibition, and educational programs and explanation of local history for people of all ages. The director shall take charge of collection preservation.

(b) The director shall have control of the expenditure of money appropriated for history museum purposes.

(c) The director shall consult with the board of trustees in relation to all matters affecting the Jackson Homestead property.

(d) The director shall advise and assist the commissioner of parks, recreation and culture in matters concerning the burial grounds. (Ord. No. X-194, 12-19-05; Ord. No. X-226, 8-14-06; Ord. No. B-53, 03-02-20)

Sec. 13-4. Board of Trustees—Composition; appointment and terms of members; vacancies; officers.

The board of trustees of the Jackson Homestead shall consist of nine (9) members to be appointed by the mayor, subject to confirmation by the city council, and who shall serve without compensation. All appointments shall be for the term of three (3) years, on a staggered basis. Vacancies shall be filled for the balance of the original term in the same manner as provided for original appointments. Such board shall choose annually from its members a chairman and may appoint a secretary who need not be a member of the board. (Rev Ords. 1999, § 18-113; Ord. No. X-194, 12-19-05)

Sec. 13-5. Duties of Board.

(a) The board of trustees shall have charge and custody of the Jackson Homestead property.

(b) The board of trustees shall advise the director, mayor and city council in relation to all matters affecting the history museum. (Rev Ords. 1999, § 18-114; Ord. No. X-194, 12-19-05)

Sec. 13-6. Jackson Homestead Trust Fund.

(a) The board of trustees, in their discretion, may determine the use of the income and expendable funds from the Jackson Homestead trust funds.

(b) The city collector-treasurer shall serve as custodian of the trust funds. The collector-treasurer shall manage and invest the funds, in his discretion guided by the exercise of sound discretion and in accordance with all applicable law. (Ord. No. X-194, 12-19-05)

Sec. 13-7. Agreements with history organization.

(a) Subject to the approval of the mayor, the director may enter into written agreements with a non-profit organization(s) for the support of the Jackson Homestead and operation of the history museum.

(b) Such agreements may provide for arrangements such as, but not limited to the following:

- (1) license agreements allowing the organization to maintain offices at the history museum;
- (2) cooperative employment arrangements allowing employees of such an organization(s) to work at the history museum;
- (3). special exhibit assistance allowing the organization to provide for special events and performers, loaned exhibits, the services of experts relative to the development of exhibits,
- (4) the director serving as professional advisor and agent on behalf of such organization(s) in matters affecting the Jackson Homestead and history museum. (Ord. No. X-194, 12-19-05)