

Historical Advisory Committee BPAC Report  
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Russell-Boren Home exhibit signs were discussed at the June BPAC meeting are nearing completion. The signs are for identification of three objects in each room of the home. The sign will have a number and information about an object and placed near the door of each room. The numbered exhibit card will be placed on or near each exhibit to match information on the sign.

Research was done by the Historical Advisory Committee during June, July and August. The research came from the 2019 script for tours of the Russell Boren Home. The script had been edited by Louise Boren and Charlsa Bentley Boren for additions or corrections. Also, additional research was from a variety of sources. Guidelines for museums have been followed for the number of words and font to be used for the information.

Extended tours of the Russell-Boren Home were also discussed at the June meeting of the Historical Advisory Committee. The extended hours are to provide more opportunities for the community to tour the home. The tours will be by appointment only Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9:00 AM -3:00 PM. Russell Farm staff will conduct the tours with help from docents as needed. The exhibit signs are to assist with the tours.

Comparison of cost, purchase order approval, advertisement and Historical Advisory Committee members available for the placement of signs/labels will determine when the extended hours for tours will begin. The Historical Advisory Committee would like to have the extended touring schedule start in January.

Guests touring the Russell-Boren Home increased during the latter part of June. The First Saturday in June was zero. Private tours brought fifty-six guests later in the month. During July and August each month had four guests. Guests touring during September was zero. October brought the greatest increase due to the Fall Festival with one hundred guests.

Members of the Historical Advisory Committee have worked diligently to prepare for the proposed extended hours of operation to increase the foot traffic for the Russell Boren Home. Opportunities to promote Russell Farm and the Russell Boren Home are goals of the Historical Advisory Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service as a Historical Advisory Committee member.