

Second Public Meeting Agenda

The Future of the Philadelphia History Museum at the Atwater Kent
Free Library of Philadelphia – Parkway Central Branch
Tuesday, September 10, 2019 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Welcome

David Rasner, *Chairman of the Board of Trustees*
The Philadelphia History Museum at the Atwater Kent

Siobhan Reardon, *President and Director*
Free Library of Philadelphia

Public Comments & Feedback on the Collection Transfer Plan

Kelly Lee, *Chief Cultural Officer, Executive Director of the*
Office of Arts, Culture and the Creative Economy
City of Philadelphia

Rosalind Remer, Ph.D., *Vice Provost & Executive Director*
Lenfest Center for Cultural Partnerships
Drexel University

Changes to the Collection Transfer Plan

Derek Gillman
Senior Adviser to the President for University Collections
Drexel University

Next Steps

David Rasner, *Chairman of the Board of Trustees*
The Philadelphia History Museum at the Atwater Kent

Q&A

Kelly Lee, *Moderator*

Second Public Meeting

**The future of the
Philadelphia History Museum at the
Atwater Kent**

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Free Library of Philadelphia – Parkway Central Branch

David Rasner

Chairman of the Board of Trustees
The Philadelphia History Museum at the Atwater Kent

Board of Trustees of the Philadelphia History Museum at the Atwater Kent

- David S. Rasner, Esq. · *President*
- D. Jeffry Benoliel, Jr. · *Vice President*
- Steven B. Wittenberg · *Secretary*
- F. Douglas Raymond, III · *Treasurer*
- Robert R. Baron, Jr.
- Councilmember William K. Greenlee · *Appointee of City Council*
- Kelly Lee · *Ex-Officio*
- E. Hewlett Kent
- Eugene B. Lefevre
- Howard H. Lewis, Jr.
- James J. Mazzarelli, Jr.
- Elizabeth Rizor
- A. Atwater Kent, III · *Emeritus*

Siobhan Reardon

President and Director
Free Library of Philadelphia

David Rasner

Chairman of the Board of Trustees
The Philadelphia History Museum at the Atwater Kent

First Public Meeting, February 2019



philadelphiahistory.org



267.314.7059
info@philadelphiahistory.org



Public Meeting Presentation

On Wednesday, February 27, 2019 the Board of Trustees of the Philadelphia History Museum at the Atwater Kent held a discussion about the future of the museum and the historic collection. Review the presentation from the public meeting.



Questions & Answers

The Board of Trustees of the Philadelphia History Museum at the Atwater Kent held a public meeting on Wednesday, February 27, 2019. View the questions asked and responses from presenters.



The Proposed Plan

Read the proposed plan of partnership between the Board of Trustees of the Philadelphia History Museum at the Atwater Kent Museum, Drexel University, and the City of Philadelphia to care for and steward the collection of more than 130,000 artifacts and objects that reflect 350 years of Philadelphia's history.



Proposal Comments

Following the public meeting on Wednesday, February 27, 2019, the Board of Trustees of the Philadelphia History Museum at the Atwater Kent allowed for a public comment period that ran from February 27-March 20. Please click on Proposal Comments to see a summary of comments submitted by the public.

Kelly Lee

Chief Cultural Officer, Executive Director of the
Office of Arts, Culture and the Creative Economy
City of Philadelphia

Frequently Asked Questions

What types of organizations and institutions will be able to borrow items from the collection for their exhibits and programs?

Frequently Asked Questions

Who will make decisions about which organizations and institutions get access to the collection? And how will they make those decisions?

Frequently Asked Questions

Will the people responsible for decisions about access to the collection reflect the diversity of Philadelphia and the diverse stories the collection can be used to tell?

Frequently Asked Questions

Many students from grades K-12 attended the Museum. How will students and teachers be able see the collection in the future?

Rosalind Remer, Ph.D.

Vice Provost & Executive Director
Lenfest Center for Cultural Partnerships
Drexel University

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is Drexel University the right institution to oversee the collection?

Frequently Asked Questions

Will Drexel University tell Philadelphia's history through exhibits on its campus?

Frequently Asked Questions

Will Drexel University continue to add to the collection to reflect Philadelphia's current and future history?

Frequently Asked Questions

How will the day-to-day administration and management of the collection be staffed?

Frequently Asked Questions

What happens if Drexel University no longer wants to care for the collection, or it does not make the collection available to the public as intended?

David Rasner

Chairman of the Board of Trustees
The Philadelphia History Museum at the Atwater Kent

philadelphiahistory.org

Derek Gillman

Senior Adviser to the President for University Collections
Drexel University

Deaccessioning Process: Step One

The Collection Evaluation Committee recommends objects for deaccessioning.

Deaccessioning Process: Step Two

The Oversight Committee reviews list of objects recommended for deaccessioning from the Collection Evaluation Committee and approves or disapproves the deaccessioning of collection objects.

Deaccessioning Process: Step Three

If objects are APPROVED for deaccessioning:

The Oversight Committee offers the approved deaccessioned items to non-profits in Philadelphia for free.

If NOT recommended for deaccessioning:

The object will remain in the collection.

Deaccessioning Process: Step Four

If the objects approved for deaccessioning are NOT wanted by any non-profits in Philadelphia and are valued under \$10,000:

Unwanted objects will be auctioned off and proceeds will be used for the care of the collection or to acquire new objects for the collection.

Deaccessioning Process: Step Five

If unwanted objects are valued over \$10,000:

The Oversight Committee would make a recommendation to Drexel's Board of Trustees to approve the auctioning and proceeds will be used to care for the collection or to acquire new objects for the collection.

Derek Gillman

Senior Adviser to the President for University Collections
Drexel University

David Rasner

Chairman of the Board of Trustees
The Philadelphia History Museum at the Atwater Kent

Questions?

Thank You

**Stay Informed:
philadelphiahistory.org**