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City of Anniston hires new Museum Director

The City of Anniston has hired Alan Robison as Director of Museum Operations.

Beginning in mid-October, Robison will oversee the Anniston Museum Complex, which consists of the Anniston Museum of Natural History, the Berman Museum of World History, and the Longleaf Botanical Gardens.

“With the help and hard work of our search committee, I feel confident in moving forward with Mr. Robison as our new director of museum operations,” said Anniston City Manager Brian Johnson.

Robison began his 22-year career in museums as a curator. He was formerly employed at the Customs House Museum and Cultural Center in Clarksville Tenn. where he had served as executive director since 2008.

Before his time at the Customs House Museum, Robison served as assistant director and senior curator for the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame & Museum in Macon, Ga.

Robison earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in history with a concentration in public history, from Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. He went on to earn his Master of Arts degree in history while minoring in political science, from the University of North Iowa in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

“We are very pleased that this long process is concluded and that we are on a smooth path to a bright future for all three of our museums,” said Josephine Ayers, chair of the search committee and chair of the Anniston Museum of Natural History Board.

According to Ayers, the search committee underwent a rigorous process that included extensive research into the needs of all three institutions under the Anniston Museum Complex.

The committee interviewed several candidates before selecting Robison as director, and was assisted in their search by Opportunity Resources, a New York-based search firm with broad experience in cultural organization searches.

The City of Anniston

Located in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains in northeast Alabama, Anniston sits as the county seat for Calhoun County and a regional hub for legal, medical, and banking services. Home to the bronze-level mountain bike ride center of Coldwater Mountain, Anniston offers a wide range of recreational options such as biking the Chief Ladiga Trail or visiting the Anniston Museum of Natural History. For more information about the City of Anniston, visit anniston.al.gov.