

Memorials Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 16, 2013

3:30 P.M.

2nd Floor Conference Room

City Hall

715 Princess Anne Street

Fredericksburg, Virginia

The Memorials Advisory Commission of the City of Fredericksburg met on Wednesday, January 16, 2013, beginning at 3:30 p.m., in the second-floor conference room of City Hall.

Commission Attendees:

Garnett, Richard	Present
Huff, Benjamin Josiah	Present
Lloyd, Marilyn Holasek	Present
Moore, Nancy	Present
Pates, Jim – Chair	Present
Warlick, Conrad	Absent

Other Persons Present:

Rev. James Dannals and Ms. Nancy Schwartz, St. George's Episcopal Church

Commission Business:

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the November 28, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved.

New Business:

Emancipation Proclamation Statue:

Upon unanimous consent, Chairman Pates revised the order of the agenda to consider an item of new business. He invited the two guests from St. George's Episcopal Church to present the church's application to erect a statute on City right-of-way at the corner of William and Charles Streets, commemorating the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation. On behalf of the

church, Rev. Dannals and Ms. Schwartz explained the background for the Emancipation Proclamation Statue, which would be a gift from the church to the Fredericksburg Community. The Statue by Ayokunle Odeleye (ne Stanley White, a once-local citizen) was unanimously approved by all involved organizations, but the placement had been in question. They explained that the original destination of the sculpture was to be next to the slave block at the corner of William and Charles Streets, but that because of concerns raised by the Architectural Review Board and the Arts Commission about the impact of the statue on the existing slave block, the church now proposed an alternate location.

The church wanted to present this gift to the City to "acknowledge the sins of slavery while celebrating freedom and hope." This year is the 150th Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation. The alternate location would be in the small park located next to Old Town Hall, at the corner of William and Princess Anne Streets. After full discussion, Commissioner Huff made a motion that the Commission recommend to City Council that the City approve the installation of the statute at the alternate location next to Old Town Hall. Commissioner Lloyd seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Old Business:

Mary Washington Monument and Lodge:

Chairman Pates reported that he had spoken with Mr. Bob Antozzi regarding the status of the Mary Washington Lodge and Gordon Family Cemetery repairs. He reported that the Lodge roof replacement had been completed and that Mr. Via was almost through with the Gordon Family Cemetery work. He also reported that Mr. Via was also scheduled to repair some of the headstones in the Thornton-Forbes Cemetery.

Chairman Pates also mentioned that the Lodge would possibly be available for rent by the spring. He said that the City would still welcome the participation of the Gordon family in sharing the cost of the repairs. It was also mentioned that the new security light next to the Gordon Family Cemetery was blinding at times and needed to be addressed.

Fredericksburg Memorials Fund:

Chairman Pates shared a draft of the Memorials Fund Policy and the Commission discussed how donations could be made and coordinated with the City Treasurer's office. He indicated that he was still talking with City offices to determine who would be responsible for collecting any donations and that he would return at the next meeting with a revised draft of the policy.

Mother's Day Event 2013:

Commissioners Moore and Lloyd reported that they were continuing to develop plans for the event and would contact the Washington Heritage Museum folks. They will work on a name for the event, a date, keynote speaker, and various logistics. Since the event was tentatively agreed to be on May 12, City Council would need to approve the event at least 30 days beforehand.

Update on Civil Rights Memorial:

Family emergencies have postponed contact with Marguerite Young and James Robinson.

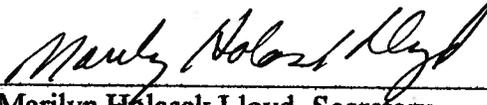
Other New Business:

Chairman Pates formally resigned as chairman. Commissioner Moore moved that Commissioner Warlick be elected as the new chairman, provided he were willing to serve, and, further, that if he declined to serve, that Vice-Chair Huff be elected as Chairman. She further moved that Commissioner Garnett be elected Treasurer and that Commissioner Lloyd be re-elected as Secretary. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Huff and the motion was approved unanimously.

Next Meeting Scheduled:

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, February 20, 2013

Meeting Adjourned: There being no further business to come before the Commission at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30p.m.



Marilyn Holasek Lloyd, Secretary

