



Memorials Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 18, 2012
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, April 18, 2012, beginning at 3:30 p.m., in the second-floor conference room of City Hall.

Commission Attendees:

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

Others Present - Eric Nelson, senior planner; Bob Antozzi, director of Parks, Recreation & Public Facilities.

Meeting Minutes/ Acting Secretary:

Approval of Minutes - Commissioner Warlick moved adoption of the minutes of the Feb. 15, 2012 meeting. They were unanimously approved.

Acting Secretary Named – In the absence of Commissioner Lloyd, Chairman Pates designated Commissioner Moore as Acting Secretary for the meeting.

Old Business:

Mary Washington Monument and Lodge - Chairman Pates reported that Michael Spencer and his students at the University of Mary Washington's Department of Historic Preservation were researching the Lodge and would report back at the end of the spring semester. Commissioner Moore provided members with a timeline of the history of the Lodge.

On the issue of repairs to the Lodge, Chairman Pates said the Sanborn insurance maps show that the original roof materials were wood shingles and metal, though the wood shingles were replaced by asphalt roofing by 1927. Mr. Antozzi discussed the repairs needed at the Lodge and suggested replacing the roof with the same materials as currently in place: asphalt shingles and rubberized mastic on the flat portion of the roof. Estimated cost is \$17,000. He had no estimate on the cost of wood shingles. Exterior painting would cost about \$11,000. The cost of repairing the gutters is included in the roofing estimate. Repairing the leaking roof is a top priority, Antozzi said.

Other less urgent repairs include the chimney, back porch and HVAC upgrade. Total cost for call repairs would be in the \$80,000 to \$100,000 range. This does not include needed work at the Gordon Cemetery, which is estimated to cost \$18,000. Mr. Antozzi said he hoped that the cemetery repairs could begin this month, but that the exterior repairs to the Lodge would probably need to wait until after July 1.

Mr. Nelson said that the Architectural Review Board (ARB) would have to approve any exterior alterations involving the roof or gutters. He indicated that since the property was located within the City's historic district, ARB review and approval were mandatory.

Commissioner Moore moved to seek ARB approval for the roof and internal gutter repairs, and that the Commission's application offer alternatives and cost estimates. Mr. Nelson said that he would prepare the application for review by the Memorials Commission and that the ARB could hold a hearing on the application as early as the second Monday in June. The motion was carried unanimously.

Chairman Pates suggested that the City hire a consultant to prepare a comprehensive long-term plan for the entire Monument property. He estimated the cost of the study at \$10,000. The Commission could seek a grant from the Economic Development Authority to pay for it. Commissioner Moore made a motion to seek the grant and study, which was approved unanimously.

Chairman Pates indicated he would discuss interim uses for the property with City Manager Cameron. He thought it was important to have someone occupy the Lodge, perhaps someone who could act as caretaker and interpreter of the Monument.

Wall of Honor – A revised application form was approved, and will be posted on the City's website. The deadline for nominations will be July 1. The Commission briefly discussed three possible nominees: Dr. George Brumble, Judge John Scott, and Prince Woodard.

City Historical Markers – The Commission had previously discussed the need for the City to improve the maintenance and replacement of its historical markers posted around town. Mr. Nelson said the proposed City budget did not include funds for repairing historical markers. The Commission expressed concern that many of the markers were dirty and illegible, leaving a poor impression for tourists. The Commission directed Chairman Pates to contact the City Manager

and propose that the City include a minimum of \$3,000 in the 2012-2013 budget for the repair, cleaning, and installation of markers.

New Business:

Matthew Fontaine Maury Marker – The Sons of Confederate Veterans have asked the City for permission to improve the present marker at the site of the Matthew Fontaine Maury home on Charlotte Street, between Princess Anne Street and Prince Edward Street. The group's plan has been reviewed by the City Manager and approved by the City & Public Utility Review Committee. Commissioner Huff made a motion that the project be approved, but to add the words "Pathfinder of the Seas" to the proposed plaque. The motion was unanimously approved.

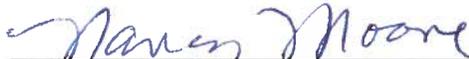
Garden Club Tour - Chairman Pates reported that upon learning the Mary Washington Monument property had been included on this year's Garden Club Tour as a self-guided stop, he had inquired whether the Commission could possibly provide hosts/hostesses for the tour, which is scheduled for later in April. After some discussion, the consensus of the Commission was that it was too late to seek volunteers for this year's tour.

Next Meeting Scheduled:

The next regular meeting of the Commission is set for July 18, 2012. Commissioner Warlick suggested that, beginning in September 2012, the Commission start meeting bimonthly instead of quarterly, due to the Commission's busy agenda.

Meeting Adjourned:

There being no further business to come before the Commission at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.



Nancy Moore, Acting Secretary