



Memorials Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

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

Commission Attendees:

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

Meeting Minutes:

Approval of Minutes - Commissioner Warlick moved adoption of the minutes of the April 18, 2012 meeting. They were unanimously approved.

Old Business:

Mary Washington Monument and Lodge -

- **Repairs:** Chairman Pates reported that the City was waiting to finalize its repair plans and ARB application until it received the Commission's recommendations. He 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. After general discussion regarding the additional expense involved in using wood shingle for the new roof, the consensus was that the City should proceed with the most economical means of making repairs essential to the maintenance of the building. Commissioner Garnett moved that the Commission

recommend that the City repair the existing asphalt shingle roof with like material, to repair the flat portion of the roof in the most economical manner (i.e., either rubber or tin), and to repair the interior gutters using existing materials. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Warlick. Chairman Pates noted that if the City accepted the Commission's recommendations, there would likely be no ARB application needed since there would be no exterior alterations visible from the public right-of-way. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Potential Tenants** – Chairman Pates indicated he had spoken with the City Manager, University of Mary Washington (UMW) officials, and representatives of other historic organizations about a potential tenant for the Lodge. The City Manager had stated he thought it was important for the City to receive reasonable rent for the property. After discussion, the Commission directed the Chairman to draft a letter to various interested organizations, including UMW, Historic Fredericksburg Foundation, the George Washington Foundation, Preservation Virginia, and the Central Rappahannock Heritage Center, indicating that the property would soon be available for rent and inquiring of their potential interest in leasing the Lodge. The letter would indicate that the City and the Commission were seeking a residential tenant for the property, that the City would expect to receive reasonable rent, that the property was best suited for no more than two persons living in the house, and that the City would expect the tenant to cooperate with the City in making the house available occasionally for public purposes.
- **Grant Application** - At its last meeting, the Commission agreed to seek a grant from the Economic Development Authority to fund a master plan for development of the Monument as an historic attraction. Chairman Pates indicated that he would seek help on the preparation of such grant application from the City's Senior Planner, Mr. Nelson.

Wall of Honor – There have been no applications received for nominations to the Wall of Honor. Therefore, after discussion, Commissioner Lloyd moved that the Commission nominate the following people for the Wall of Honor for 2012: Sydney Armstrong, Dr. George Brumble, Judge John Scott and Dr. Prince Woodard. Commissioner Garnett seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. Commission members agreed to prepare applications for the nominees as follows:

- Sidney Armstrong - Commissioner Garnett
- Dr. George Brumble - Commissioner Pates
- Judge John Scott - Commissioner Moore
- Dr. Prince Woodard - Commissioner Warlick

It was decided that the Commission would recommend to City Council that the ceremony be held on October 9, 2012. Commissioner Garnett recommended that the ceremony be “beefed up for family and friends.”

Memorials Fund – Earlier this year, the Commission agreed to establish a Memorials Fund to solicit private donations to support the Commission’s work. Chairman Pates indicated that he would prepare a draft one-page procedure for its establishment and bring it back at the Commission’s September meeting

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. Chairman Pates reported that the City Manager had informed him that the refurbishing of the markers was already underway.

Civil Rights Memorial/Commemoration - Commissioner Garnett reported that he had been unable to contact Mr. Clarence Robinson due to illness and that he would report back at the next meeting.

New Business:

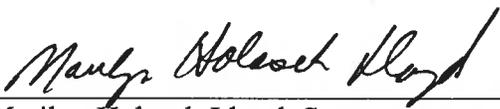
Mother’s Day Celebration - At the last meeting, there was discussion about the possibility of the Commission reinstating the annual Mother’s Day Celebration at the Mary Washington Monument. Chairman Pates indicated that he had spoken with several interested persons, including Jeanette Cadwallender and Claudia Emerson, both of whom were supportive. Emerson agreed to compose a poem for the occasion. It was suggested that such an event could possibly be coordinated with the event held at the Mary Washington House. Chairman Pates indicated that he would discuss the matter with Gail Braxton.

Next Meeting Scheduled:

The next regular meeting of the Commission was set for September 19, 2012. .

Meeting Adjourned:

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



Marilyn Holasek Lloyd, Secretary

