

Memorials Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 27, 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, February 27, 2013, beginning at 3:45 p.m., in the second-floor conference room of City Hall.

Commission Attendees:

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

Commission Business:

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of January 16, 2013 were unanimously approved. Chairman Pates was thanked by all for his three years as chairman of the commission.

Old Business:

Mary Washington Monument and Lodge:

Jim Pates will write letter to such places as UMC, HFFI, The Washington Heritage Museum and Fredericksburg Museum, Kenmore and others about potential tenants. He will also send a proposed letter to Mr. Antozzi and the City Manager. A fair market rental will be negotiated.

It was reported by Commissioner Pates that the lodge looks good, and that the light have discouraged vandalism. The Commission discussed possibly turning that lights down or

focusing the light. It was asked if Mr. Via was still staying at the lodge but the status was not known.

Grant Proposal for Master Plan

We discussed the possibility of asking City Manager Beverly Cameron, to get a percentage of the rent of the property as a line item in the budget.

We discussed long term use of the property again because maintaining the property is essential. We discussed a grant proposal for the master plan. An application to the EDA (Economic Development Authority) would be in order to develop a small grant for a master plan for the site to address the use, access, landscaping and improvements. We discussed drawing up a budget in phases, a potential fund raising plan. We also discussed it would be hard to raise money for the commission without a master plan.

Richard Tremblay and Chris Hornung will be contacted.

Wall of Honor

We decided on a June 1st deadline for the Wall of Honor. Research would need to be done on Prince Woodward perhaps by Conrad Warlick, Butler Franklin perhaps by her son in Maryland and other nominees by the deadline of June 1st. City Council would need to be contacted about the possibility of the ceremony the second meeting in September.

It was discussed having a book describing all the nominees by the plaques themselves and making the application user friendly.

Memorial Fund:

Jim Pates discussed the Memorials Fund after talking with Clarence Robinson and Jim Haney. It is possible for us to raise and spend funds in a separate account kept by the city treasurer. Anyone could make donations by mail or in person and deliver it to the treasurer's office and then it would be transmitted to the commission to our treasurer for the acknowledgment of the gift. We will be sending Clarence Robinson a draft procedure and then run it by the city manager for approval. Families want to donate.

Mother's Day Event 2013:

Nancy Moore and Marilyn Lloyd met and planned the event. Marilyn Lloyd updated the commission on the planning of the event. The title will be celebrating the First Mother, Mary Ball Washington. It will be on Saturday May 11, at 2PM. The place will be on the lawn between the Mary Washington Monument and the caretaker's cottage. The speaker will be Lara Galke, an

archaeologist for the George Washington Foundation. Her view is that Mary Ball Washington's legacy needs exonerating, and she works toward that goal based on the artifacts she has unearthed at Ferry Farm. She has agreed to speak for a small honorarium and the memorial commission will pay her that honorarium. Her talk would not exceed 30 minutes. It was discussed that perhaps Claudia Emerson could write a poem, and Mayor Greenlaw would attend and say a few words on the behalf of the city. We have the city's permission to give tours of the caretaker's cottage.

We discussed Michael Spencer's students conducting the short tours.

Marilyn Lloyd commented on the great organizational abilities of Nancy Moore on planning this event.

The Washington Heritage Museum is partnering with us and will offer punch and cookies at the Mary Washington House after the program and cottage tours. Those who attend the event at the monument will be given free tour tickets to the Mary Washington House.

Music was mentioned. Nancy Moore has a rental request for from the city to be filled out when we decide what equipment we need including chairs, podium and sound system. There is no charge for the use of the grounds. In case of rain, we are considering The Christian Church for the ceremony. We have no idea how many will attend.

We discussed sending organizations invitations.

Update on Civil Rights Memorial Commemoration:

Richard Garnett reported on meeting with Marguerite Young and covered a lot of topics. They discussed how to commemorate the Civil Rights Leaders. It was discussed to have a brain storming session with known Civil Rights leaders who worked on the front lines and behind the scenes of the movement. We discussed some of the early attendees of James Monroe High School including Clarence Roland Moore and Clarence Robinson.

We discussed members of the movement, Johnny Johnson, Gladys Todd etc. We talked about more minority representation in our commission and possible members like Janice Davies, Garnet Parker, and Jervis Hairston as possibilities.

New Business:

Vice Chairman

Nancy Moore was nominated for Vice Chairman and elected unanimously.

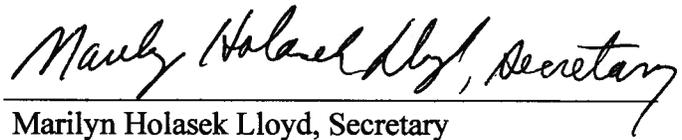
Marilyn Lloyd stated that Betty Massey would be filling out the application to be a commission member.

It was mentioned again that perhaps the city manager should request a token line item in the budget for the commission. The commission discussed potential uses of the money, but determined more detail would be required to justify a budget line item request.

Next Meeting Scheduled: Tentative date Wednesday, March 27, 2013

We also decided on the meeting dates of June 19, August 21, October 16, and December 18 of 2013.

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


Marilyn Holasek Lloyd, Secretary