



Memorials Advisory Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 17, 2014
4:00 P.M.
Council Chambers
City Hall
715 Princess Anne Street
Fredericksburg, Virginia

The Memorials Advisory Commission of the City of Fredericksburg met on Wednesday, September 17, beginning at 3:30 p.m., in the Meeting Room of City Hall.

COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

Moore, Nancy Chair	Present
Hairston, Jervis	Absent
Lloyd, Marilyn Holasek	Present
Massey, Betty	Absent
Parker, Garnett	Present
Spencer, Michael	Present
Raudenbush, Paula	Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Minutes of June 18, 2014, were unanimously approved.

INTRODUCTION OF PAULA RAUDENBUSH:

Paula Raudenbush was introduced as our newest member.

OLD BUSINESS:

Wall of Honor

The Wall of Honor Ceremony was tentatively set for November 11, 2014.

Smith Run Update

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, with City Council's approval, has installed its Smith Run battle plaque along Cowan Boulevard. Eric Olsen is working on other panels that will interpret this Civil War event.

Report on meeting with Mary Washington Monument Site Planning Committee

Nancy Moore, Michael Spencer, Gail Braxton, Beate Jensen, Jeanette Cadwallender, and Lucy Lawliss met on September 15 to discuss The Mary Washington Monument Site.

The Committee examined ways to move forward with the site. Meditation Rock was discussed as a focal point of the site. It was discussed that the whole area requires additional accessibility and interpretation. Overgrown brush needs addressing. The lodge is in good shape but it needs some internal repairs before it can be rented. Perhaps a portion of rent could go toward a cultural resource plan. The occupant may be asked to perform certain duties at the site, and open the house once a year to the public.

NEW BUSINESS

Plaque honoring the Fredericksburg Militia.

The Commission, at the request of David James, reviewed the wording of a plaque recognizing Fredericksburg Militia soldiers who served prior to 1903. The plaque would be installed at the Fredericksburg National Guard Armory.

Naming of new bridge over the canal.

Bill Micks asked the commission to consider naming the new canal bridge on Fall Hill Avenue in honor of Bess Turk, who was instrumental in designating parts of the nearby Fall Hill tract for public use. The commission discussed possibly naming the bridge The Franklin Family Bridge to honor all the members of the family who contributed to this. The commission, however, felt that the request should go first to the City Council.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be on November 19, 2014.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further business to come before the Commission at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Marilyn Holasek Lloyd, Secretary