



## Memorials Advisory Commission

### Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 19, 2014

4:00 P.M.

Second Floor Conference Room

City Hall

715 Princess Anne Street

Fredericksburg, Virginia

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The Memorials Advisory Commission of the City of Fredericksburg met on Wednesday, November 19, beginning at 3:30 p.m., in the Conference Room of City Hall.

#### **COMMISSION ATTENDEES:**

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

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Minutes of September, September 17, 2014, were unanimously approved.

#### **INTRODUCTION OF SUSAN SPEARS**

Susan Spears was introduced as our newest member.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **Wall of Honor**

The Wall of Honor Ceremony will be December 9, 2014. The invitations have been sent out by Tanya Lacey, and a big turnout is expected. Michael Spencer suggested a handout for future Wall of Honor nominations be given at the event, and he will provide this.

### **Smith Run Update**

Eric Olsen is working on other panels that will interpret this Civil War event. There will be approximately 4 panels along the path.

### **Mary Washington Monument Update**

We discussed the creeping bamboo forest behind the Caretaker's Cottage, which is infringing on the monument site. We also discussed the erosion problems and deteriorating walkway to Meditation Rock. The Garden Club of Virginia would need to be consulted.

The rental of the house was discussed. The house needs a property management company. A letter from James Massey, a licensed Realtor, was read by the group. Mr. Massey has a potential renter for the Caretaker's Cottage. A fair rent value was provided by Susan Pates. The potential renter, Nancy Gasparovic is willing to pay \$1,400 dollars a month to rent the property. We are continuing to study this matter including the terms for renting the cottage. Nancy Moore will send a letter to the City Manager, reiterating the commission's interest in renting the cottage.

With the new members, it was decided that another tour of the property would be in order to see the state of the cottage, property, and problems that need addressing. The tour will be Dec. 3 at 12:30 PM.

### **Naming of new bridge over the canal**

We discussed naming of the new main bridge on Fall Hill Ave. Bill Micks of the Virginia Outdoors Center had suggested naming it The Bess Turk Bridge. It was discussed by the commission that the entire Franklin Family, Butler Franklin, and her daughters Bess Turk and Jenny Guth all took part in providing riverfront property for public use. The motion was made by Michael Spencer and seconded by Jervis Hairston to name the bridge, The Franklin Family Bridge. The vote was unanimous. This decision will be sent to City Council.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Our next meeting will be on February 18, 2015 followed by meetings in April, June and November.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

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

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Marilyn Holasek Lloyd, Secretary