



Memorials Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Second Floor Conference Room, City Hall, 715 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg, VA

Commission Members Present: Nancy Moore, Chair, Michael Spencer, Betty Massey, Jervis Hairston, Paula Raudenbush, City Rep. Tonya Lacey

Commission Members Absent: Marilyn Lloyd, Garnett Parker, Susan Spears

Chair Nancy Moore called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from June 17, 2015 were unanimously approved with the correction of the date which was changed to April 15, 2015.

Old Business:

Memorials Policy. Michael Spencer presented the latest iteration of the policy for consideration by the Commission. It was agreed that he would make a few more recommended changes and email the updated policy to the members for approval.

Plans for Wall of Honor Ceremony. Due to a Council Work Session, the date has been moved to October 27, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. Nancy Moore and Tonya Lacey will confer about the plaque language and Tonya plans to have the older plaques updated to be consistent with the newer ones. Nancy also recommended that a booklet be produced with all the names from the Wall. Tonya will also continue to produce certificates to present to the honorees' family or their representative.

New Business:

Election of Commission Secretary. Marilyn Lloyd has stepped down as secretary. Jervis Hairston made a motion to elect Paula Raudenbush as Secretary. Betty Massey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Signs for the Mary Washington Monument, Meditation Rock and The Gordon Family Cemetery. After some discussion, it was decided to recommend to the Restorations Committee

of the Garden Club of Virginia, who created the two prototypes for the signs, that they be amended to read Sign 1) MARY mother of GEORGE WASHINGTON BURIED HERE 1789 and Sign 2) MEDITATION ROCK AND THE GORDON FAMILY CEMETERY. A new layout for each sign is attached and will be forwarded to the Restorations Committee by the Chair.

Caretaker's Cottage. After some discussion, Paula Raudenbush made a motion to recommend to City Council that they consider selling the Caretaker's Cottage on Washington Avenue with appropriate restrictions to preserve the historic integrity of the building and grounds. Betty Massey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Time Changed. It was decided to move our regular meeting time from 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 18 at 4:00 p.m.

Paula Raudenbush, Recording Secretary