



Memorials Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 21, 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, August 21, 2013, beginning at 3:45 p.m., in the second-floor conference room of City Hall.

Commission Attendees:

Huff, Benjamin Josiah Chair	Absent
Pates, Jim	Present
Lloyd, Marilyn Holasek	Present
Warlick, Conrad	Absent
Moore, Nancy Presiding	Present
Spencer, Michael	Present
Massey, Betty	Present
Parker, Garnett	Present

Guest Attendees: Dave MacIndoe, Assistant Director of fiscal affairs and Erik Nelson, and Roy Perry

Commission Business:

Introduction of Garnett Parker: By Presiding Chairman Moore to the committee.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of April 3, 2013 were amended and approved unanimously. The Minutes of June 19, 2013 were amended and approved unanimously.

New Business:

Memorial Fund

Commissioner Jim Pates discussed the city Memorial Fund that the commission had approved. A policy would need to be drafted. The commission would solicit and raise private donations and gifts to further the work of the commission. For example, family members of the Wall of Honor could make a donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of their loved one.

Clarence Robinson and Jim Haney would get it formalized. The Commission would be responsible for thanking for the gifts. Commissioner Pates said that the fund should be an item in the budget designated for estimated revenue.

Dave MacIndoe, Assistant Director of Fiscal Affairs, told the Commission that the Treasurer's office set up the revenue line item for commission donations.

He said that the Fiscal Affairs office was the mechanism to be used for the donations so the receipts could be properly classified with address, amount, and date. Then the Commission would acknowledge the gift. Mr. MacIndoe said that this would all be done within the approved budget.

Funds can be accepted now, and monthly financial statements would be given. The particulars would need to be worked out in the budget.

Things for future consideration would be a Mary Washington Monument and grounds grant. Jim Pates then presented the Memorial Fund with its first check.

Memorial Plaque--The Heights at Smith Run

For the second time, Roy Perry with The Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV's) and Matthew Fontaine Maury Camp No. 1722 and Senior Planner Erik Nelson attended the meeting, concerning a memorial plaque.

This plaque entitled The Heights at Smith Run 1863 is in memory of The Battle of Smith Run and the Confederate soldiers that died there. The placement of the plaque was to be near the Smith Run the memorial trail on Cowan Blvd on city property.

The plan was revised with two different parts. A series of 5 plaques would be in the planning, connecting The Trail to plaques on the sidewalk. There will be a city park when road opens from Route 3 to Cowan Blvd. And the above mentioned Memorial Plaque by SCV placed as described.

It was discussed in depth including the responsibility of the city in interpreting the site and the protocols and precedents involved. Also discussed were the previous litigations with SCV.

Jim Pates made a motion not to recommend an approval of this memorial at this time, and refer to the next meeting to develop a policy for monuments on city property, and further recommendations to City Council on interpretation of this site and Trail. The Commission would suggest as a possible alternative that this memorial be placed on private property.

Betty Massey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Michael Spencer is going to check the precedents and protocols within other historic cities.

Old Business:

Wall of Honor

Betty Massey made a motion that following people be nominated for The Wall of Honor:
Butler Franklin
T. Stacy Lloyd Jr., MD
Prince Woodward

Jim Pates seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Money would be needed for the reception the Wall of Honor reception.

Update on Civil Rights Memorial Commemoration:

Michael Spencer, Jim Pates, and Nancy Moore are waiting for Xavier Richardson's recommendations to the commission. Money would need to be solicited and a budget and a budget would need to be discussed.

Mother's Day Event

It was mentioned to make this an annual event

Next Meeting Scheduled: Wednesday, September 18, 2013

Meeting Adjourned: There being no further business to come before the Commission at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20p.m.

Marilyn Holasek Lloyd, Secretary