



Memorials Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 16, 2014

4:00 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, April 16, 2014, beginning at 3:30 p.m., in the second-floor conference room of City Hall.

COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

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

Guest Attendees: Erik Nelson, Senior Planner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Minutes of February 19, 2014, were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Report of Smith Run Markers by Erik Nelson

The City Council has approved the Smith Run Battle marker proposed by the Sons of Confederate Veterans. The commission had recommended disapproval and suggested that the city erect explanatory markers instead. The SCV is donating the marker to the city so the city can control its location. In addition, the city will install descriptive markers along the Smith Run Trail.

Councilman Matt Kelly secured \$40,000 for new and replacement panels for Smith Run and throughout the city.

The commission is working on a draft policy for placement of historic markers on city property.

Erik Nelson said that he would come up with a list of markers to be replaced each year.

Update on Grant for Monument Site Planning

Jervis Hairston met with Bob Antozzi, director of Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities, to discuss the Mary Washington Monument grounds. Antozzi outlined needed repair and maintenance at the site. Nancy Moore suggested that the first step for the site would be drafting a plan for interpreting the site for tourists and residents. Hairston said that the Economic Development Authority would probably not provide funding for such a study. Michael Spencer said he would talk with Lucy Lawless and Beate Jensen of the new Landscape Academy about working on the project. Nancy Moore noted that the Garden Club of Virginia has done landscaping on the site and should be consulted.

Wall of Honor

We discussed possible nominees for 2014 being Levin Houston, George Van Sant, and Anne Rowe. Jervis said he would nominate Anne Rowe. Other nominees may come as a result of notices in The Free Lance-Star and the Central Rappahannock Heritage Center newsletter.

Mary Ball Washington Mother's Day Event

It was decided that the event would not be held this year.

NEW BUSINESS

Fence at Caretaker's Cottage

Michael Spencer reported that he and Nancy Moore had sent a letter to the Architectural Review Board expressing concerns about a proposed privacy fence. At the ARB meeting it was brought up that there were design and integrity issues concerning the Mary Washington Monument and Lodge that would need addressing. Adding a motion detector and or aluminum fence was discussed at the ARB meeting, and the issue was tabled.

It was suggested that we invite Bob Antozzi to our next meeting to discuss the cottage and the monument site.

Commission Members

The commission has two vacancies. Nancy Moore asked the commission for suggestions.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on June 18, 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