



Memorials Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 18, 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, June 18, 2014, beginning at 3:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

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

Guest Attendees: Robert Antozzi, Director of Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Minutes of April 16, 2014, were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Monument Site Planning

Nancy Moore, Chair suggested rather than hiring a consultant for the Monument that site committees could be set up, and after speaking with Mr. Beverly Cameron he suggested involving Mr. Bob Antozzi and the Clean & Green Commission. Other people Ms. Moore would like to include on the committees are Lucy Lawliss, Beate Jensen, someone from the Garden Club of Virginia and the Washington Heritage Museum. Ms. Moore also suggested breaking the committee up into different groups to look at the aspects of each: interpretation of the property, gardens, use of cottage and what to do with it, and heating and air conditioning.

Ms. Moore asked what other work needed to be done to the cottage.

Mr. Antozzi said there was an outdated boiler that needed to be replaced with something more efficient. The grounds and the building need upgrades as well. The Cemetery wall needs improvements.

Nancy was in hopes of doing some fundraising to make some of the improvement, but said they would need to set priorities. She asked Mr. Antozzi if he would be on the committee as a resource. Mr. Antozzi agreed to help out but suggested that Steve Bowling also be included as well.

Another item that needs addressing is the back of the meditation rock which is eroding. Mr. Antozzi said they have renovated that area 2 or 3 times and it has eroded again. He said the City needs to invest in a landscape architect to come up with a plan to help. Ms. Moore stated that she has two landscape architects who she would like to involve in this, Beate Jensen and Lucy Lawliss if they are willing to help. Mr. Spencer said they would like to create a master plan to take steps towards this. Mr. Antozzi said in the past there had been some resistance in doing anything to the area to prevent future eroding.

Nancy said she would like to start with getting a plan for landscaping and interpretation. She hoped to get a meeting set up in early September. She hoped to have Mr. Antozzi discuss what issues are and what has been done in the past.

Mr. Antozzi stated that the City has invested a lot in the cemetery and they have added a 24 hour cycle camera to help prevent further vandalism.

Mr. Spencer suggested having Lucy Lawliss and Beate Jenson come to the meeting with a possible suggestion for the landscape.

Resignation of Member

Ms. Moore read an email from BJ Huff who had to resign because he has moved out of the area. She also stated there were now 3 vacancies and she asked the committee to get people to apply.

Wall of Honor

There were 5 applications submitted Barbara H. Geslock, Carl D. Silver, Paula Felder, Brian L. Strobel, and Dianne Tremblay. After a brief discussion on each of the applications the committee agreed not to take any action on Dianne Tremblay's application.

Ms. Massey moved to nominate Felder, Geslock, Silver and Strobel to the Wall of Honor; motion was seconded by Mr. Spencer and passed by a unanimous vote.

Monuments

Mr. Spencer said he has done some work on this but he needs to put all the information together.

NEW BUSINESS

Wall of Honor Ceremony

Ms. Moore said she would like to have the Ceremony in the Fall, preferably October. Ms. Lacey is to get with Mr. Cameron to schedule.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on September 17, 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.

Nancy Moore, Chair