



Memorials Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 18, 2017

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

Commission Members Present: Nancy Moore, Jervis Hairston, Michael Spencer, Garnett Parker, John Lyles, Betty Massey, Paula Raudenbush

Commission Members Absent: Susan Spears

Chair Nancy Moore called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Election of 2017 Officers

Nancy and Paula Raudenbush agreed to serve as chairperson and recording secretary, respectively. Jervis Hairston moved to elect Nancy and Paula. Betty Massey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Betty moved to approve the minutes from the September 21, 2016, meeting. Garnett Parker seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Signs:

Nancy reported that we need to encourage the city staff to change the Rev. Lawrence Davies signs at the city bus station and the Bess Turk sign at the canal bridge. Jervis volunteered to take care of the Martin Luther King, Jr. sign and the Bess Turk sign. Nancy noted that there is money to be used for refurbishing existing signs and for new ones. She will ask Erik Nelson for his list of signs.

Approval of Final Draft of the Memorials Policy, Michael Spencer: Paula moved to accept the updated version of the policy. Betty seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Nancy thanked Michael for his hard work creating the policy. John Lyles asked if there is a comprehensive list of all signs and monuments in the city. Michael will send him a link. Jervis said they are also listed in the City Comprehensive Plan. It was suggested that Nancy and Michael attend a council work session to answer any questions they might have.

Update on Mary Washington Monument and Caretaker's Cottage, Nancy Moore: Nancy reported that the Garden Club of Virginia's state meeting will be held here in May. Nancy will make sure everything looks good for them. Their Restoration Committee is satisfied with the work done so far.

New Business

Documenting 1210 Sophia Street, a home scheduled for removal or demolition: This house is near the back of the Headquarters of the Central Rappahannock Regional Library. The library intends to either

demolish this house or, if a buyer can be found, that buyer would move the house. The library will use the space as a parking lot. Nancy stated that a marker may be needed to mark the history of the house which was built by Mr. Gilbert C. Walker in 1894. His daughter, Mrs. Nancy Walker Carneal also lived there.

Meeting dates for 2017: The following dates were determined for bi-monthly meetings of the Memorials Advisory Commission:

March 15, 2017

May 17, 2017

July 19, 2017 (this date may be cancelled if there is no new business to discuss)

September 20 2017

November 15, 2017

Meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Raudenbush, recording secretary