



## **Memorials Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

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

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

**Commission Members Absent:** 0

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

### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes amended to include that Michael Spencer was elected unanimously as Vice Chair. Betty moved to approve the minutes with change from the January 18, 2017, meeting. Garnett Parker seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Old Business**

#### **Work session with City Council regarding Memorials Policy.**

Nancy Moore and Michael Spencer will make the presentation and answer questions at the June 13, 2017, council meeting.

#### **Update on 1201 Sophia Street property.**

Nancy related that the city has moved the deadline for bids to move the house to September, 2017.

### **New Business**

#### **Wall of Honor Selections.**

After reviewing the proposals (attached), Paula Raudenbush made a motion that the following individuals be selected for the 2017 Wall of Honor: Donna Cote, Robert Hodge, Elnora Johnson. Jervis Hairston seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Nancy will recommend to City Council that the ceremony take place at their Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **Request for Marker and Pocket Park at Caroline and Canal Streets to honor the DeBaptists family and its Historic Wharf site.**

A presentation was made by Blanton Massey. See attached information. Nancy asked Jervis Hairston to report back about contributions of free Blacks in Fredericksburg including information about the DeBaptists and Richards families. A motion was made by Susan Spears to support this research and make a presentation to City Council for funding. Seconded by John Lyles and passed unanimously. Possible funds could come from the National Underground Railroad association.

**Information about VDOT marker and wayside panels on Lafayette Blvd. near train station.**  
Nancy reported that this has to do with an antique car group.

**Next meeting** date will be July 19, 2017.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Raudenbush, recording secretary