



Memorials Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

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

Commission Members Present: Nancy Moore, Chair, Michael Spencer, Betty Massey, Paula Raudenbush, Garnett Parker, Susan Spears, Marilyn Lloyd, City Rep. Tonya Lacey

Commission Members Absent: Jervis Hairston

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

Approval of Minutes:

Susan Spears moved to approve the minutes from January 20, 2016. Betty Massey seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Old Business

City Planner Erik Nelson reported that the John Smith marker has been installed and the sign for the entrance to the trail explaining the marker is ready to be created. The Committee requested that the sign explain that the marker was part of a Chesapeake Conservancy project and not a grave marker. Otherwise, there were no changes to the language for the sign. There will likely be a ceremony later in the summer at the marker. Mr. Nelson also reported that a few worn panels are being replaced and a new sign will be made for the area behind the visitor center that now contains the rebuilt hearth from the Goolrick house.

Old Business:

Wall of Honor. The Commission has received the following nominations: Barbara Crookshanks, Hamilton Eckenrode, Charles Rowe, Ralph Smith and Gladys Todd. After some discussion, it was decided that Mr. Eckenrode did not have as strong a connection to Fredericksburg as the rest of the nominees and he did not live here when he made his major contributions to society. Paula Raudenbush made a motion that we accept Barbara Crookshanks, Charles Rowe, Ralph Smith and Gladys Todd as the 2016 additions to the Wall of Honor. Marilyn Lloyd seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Nancy Moore suggested that we ask the honorees' nominators to speak for a few minutes at the ceremony which will be held prior to the Council meeting on October 11 if their schedule permits.

Tonya Lacey showed the new plaques to the Committee.

New Business:

The new brochure for the Mary Washington Monument, edited and designed by Paula Raudenbush, was reviewed and approved by the Commission. Tonya Lacey will print them in-house. Nancy Moore reported that Kim Nash has replaced Kitty Lee Wafle as the Restoration Committee Liaison to the Garden Club of Virginia. Nancy will meet with her on the 25th and present the brochure.

Memorials Advisory Commission Policy. Michael Spencer reported that he will share the policy with the new city historic preservation staff, Kate Schwartz, and send it round to the Commission for final approval.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 21, 2016, at 4:00 p.m.

Paula Raudenbush, Recording Secretary