



Memorials Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

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

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

Commission Members Absent: Betty Massey, Susan Spears

Chair Nancy Moore called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Jervis Hairston moved that the minutes from the previous meeting be approved as written. Michael Spencer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Nancy Moore introduced Kate Schwartz, Historic Resources Planner for Fredericksburg. Ms. Schwartz said she looks forward to working with the commission when needed.

Marguerite Young and Xavier Richardson were introduced to speak to the commission regarding a request from The Honorable Pamela Bridgewater to City Council to rename Sophia Street in honor of Reverend Dr. Lawrence A. Davies. (Proposal and response from Mayor Greenlaw attached). After some discussion, Mr. Richardson suggested that the Riverfront Park might be a better fit. Nancy Moore also stated that the city bus station is currently named for Rev. Davies but the sign is hidden inside. She suggested that we also recommend that the sign be placed on the outside of the station as well. Jervis Hairston made a motion to recommend to council that the Riverfront Park be renamed the Reverend Lawrence A. Davies Riverfront Park and the sign at the bus station be duplicated for the outside with the caveat that the commission be shown a plan for the placement prior to installation. Marilyn Lloyd seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Michael Spencer presented the latest changes to the Memorials Policy. After some discussion with Kate Schwartz and the commission, Michael will make the edits and submit what is expected to be the final draft.

Nancy Moore reported that improvements to the Mary Washington Monument have been made. These include painting the railing and installing a box for the brochures.

Tonya Lacey reported that the Wall of Honor ceremony will be held on October 25th at 7 p.m.

Nancy Moore reported that there will be a ceremony honoring Doris Buffett at the Dixon Park Pool that will be renamed in her honor, on September 26, at 4:00 p.m.

Nancy Moore thanked Marilyn Lloyd for her many years of service to the commission and wished her well.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 16, 2016, at 4:00 p.m.

Paula Raudenbush, Recording Secretary