



## **Memorials Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

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

**Commission Members Present:** Nancy Moore, Michael Spencer, Jervis Hairston, Betty Massey, Tina Morris, Susan Spears, Paula Raudenbush

**Commission Members Absent:** John Lyles

Chair Nancy Moore called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Michael Spencer moved to approve the minutes from the September 19, 2018, meeting. Jervis Hairston seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Old Business**

#### **Report on condition of Historic Panels**

Tina Morris reported that she has conducted a survey of the city's historic panels and determined which ones need attention. Her assessment is attached. Nancy suggested Eric Nelson be consulted on possible next steps. She thanked Tina for her diligent report.

#### **Ways to interpret Link Wray's contribution to Rock and Roll music**

Nancy reported that there is a Fredericksburg music museum being discussed by a few local investors and that this might be an appropriate venue for an interpretation of Link Wray's contribution.

#### **Status of Slave Block report and possible Commission involvement.**

Nancy reported that the Slave Block is still being discussed and that City Council may take another look at its decision.

#### **Status of Caretaker's Cottage and Meditation Rock at Mary Washington Monument**

Nancy reported that the City Manager is still considering the Commission's recommendation to sell the cottage. Public Works has come up with a plan to mitigate the erosion around Meditation Rock. Nancy suggested that perhaps the Garden Club of Virginia might help with the financing.

#### **Wall of Honor documentation**

Nancy explained the need for a comprehensive list/biography of all the honorees to be gathered and posted online. Michael said that he has a possible intern at UMW who may be interested in working on this project.

### **New Business**

#### **Update on city plan for Downtown and surrounding area**

Nancy introduced Mike Craig, Senior Planner for the City, who gave a presentation on the plan for changes/updates to Fredericksburg. The entire plan covers 10 sections of the city but Mr. Craig talked to

us about section 7 which comprises the downtown area. (Presentation file attached.) Mr. Craig explained that he is making this same presentation to several interest groups in the next few days to gather input. The Commission members commented on the presentation and Mr. Craig added the comments to the plan.

#### **Election of officers for 2019**

Jervis Hairston moved to accept the current slate of officers (Nancy Moore, chair; Michael Spencer, vice chair; Paula Raudenbush, recording secretary). Susan Spears seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Need for docents to expand Black History tours**

Nancy noted that 2019 is the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of slavery in Virginia and there is a need for more tour guides in the city. Members were encouraged to volunteer if they are interested in helping. The city, the Fredericksburg Area Museum and others are taking part in this year-long commemoration.

#### **New Commission Members**

Nancy Moore introduced Pauline Felder as a new applicant to the Memorials Advisory Commission.

#### **Commission participation in Destination Brand Image focus group**

Nancy announced meeting times for these focus groups and encouraged Commission members to attend. The city has hired consultants to conduct these meetings to further understand our city with the intent to create a new and comprehensive brand. Susan Spears reported that she attended a focus group this afternoon.

#### **2019 Meeting Schedule**

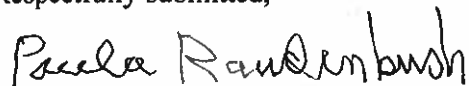
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Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Paula Raudenbush, recording secretary