

James Island History Commission  
Minutes  
Tuesday January 8, 2019

The James Island History Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, Jan 8, 2019 in the Council Chambers at the James Island Town Hall. The Meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by chair Paul Hedden. The following members were in attendance: Chair Paul Hedden, Skipper Keith, Jim White, Inez Brown-Crouch, Cubby Wilder and Council Liaison Mayor Woolsey. Town Administrator Ashley Kellahan was also present.

Welcome of visitors – xxx at was in attendance.

Old Business - Chair Hedden did an overview of Victory Day Parade and discussed how well it went and Mayor Woolsey and Mayor Tecklenburg made great speeches. Mayor Woolsey noted the flag we received is currently flying at Town Hall and will be flown every December in remembrance of Victory Day. Review of Historic Sites Draft – Bragg is still working on latest draft and will have us a layout in February to review. The letter to SHPO was reviewed, slight edits made, and a motion was made by Brown-Crouch to approve with corrections. Hedden seconded and carried unanimously. Kellahan will make edits forward to SHPO.

New Business – Pursuing plans for 2019. Brown-Crouch wants to pursue Camp Rd history as requested by David Parlor at the middle school. Seconded by White. Carried unanimously. Hedden wants to pursue looking into skirmish that preceded Battle of Secessionville and the fact that 60 men died in 3 hours and would like a marker there. Perhaps a series of markers or a designation of the stretch of land between JI Pres church and Sea Water Dr. Hedden made the motion to move forward on this, seconded by Brown-Crouch with discussion. Keith can find contact info and get to Hedden regarding historian who wrote about this skirmish. Motion passed unanimously. How we're going to memorialize this is up for discussion since we budget for 2 markers per year. Hedden said he was approached by Councilman Milliken regarding pursuing proposed bicycle historic way around James Island to various sites around James Island. Brown-Crouch said she feels there is a lot to work on and we should put this on hold to a later date. Hedden agreed to table to a later date.

Discussion regarding attracting new members. Hedden said members are getting older and perhaps burned out. There is a form potential committee members can fill out. Hedden asked how many people should committee have. Brown-Crouch said perhaps it'd be best to invite potential new members first to meeting to see what we're all about and then they can go through the proper steps. Wilder thought we had some people interested in joining such as Jerome Harris. Recommended keeping number odd for voting purposes. Mayor Woolsey stated Town Council appoints new members and its entirely appropriate for potential new members to be invited to meetings and gauge their interest.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 5th 2019.

Submitted by Ashley Kellahan