

James Island History Council  
Minutes  
Tuesday May 4, 2020

The James Island History Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 in 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 attended: Chair Paul Hedden, Jim Morrisette, Melissa Dority and Inez Brown-Crouch. Town Administrator Ashley Kellahan was also present.

Minutes from the April meeting were approved.

Old Business – AK gave an update on the temporary history exhibit work for the JIACC. The consultants will have a draft for Town staff to review by May 15<sup>th</sup>. AK said that by the June History Council meeting the group would have a conceptual draft to review.

Hedden discussed the group has seen a lot of fluctuations in its membership and he feels its important for the Council to work on a mission. He said we've accomplished a lot such as the history booklet, 2 historical markers, numerous papers, etc. Hedden discussed the Grimball Rd. Marker he'd like the group to pursue and that it's important to acknowledge the history and doesn't believe in revisionist history. Morrisette said he agreed we should commemorate without celebrating certain moments in history. Dority agreed that the unpleasant history cannot be ignored. Hedden also said that the Archives and History has the history on the James Island airport as wrong and believes the Council should work on correcting it. He would like to have a meeting to reestablish what the mission is. Brown-Crouch noted that we should look back at the mission we had in the beginning and we can expand upon it. AK noted that she doesn't believe a mission statement was ever developed. AK pulled up the enabling resolution and read a portion. Will send to the group. Dority noted that we should have a historical map that we could hand out to people and AK noted that there was map in the booklet and it's the Town website as well. Hedden said he would like to pursue a historical pathway, promote Ft. Johnson, Secessionville, etc. Hedden suggested a Sat or Sun workshop to help develop a direction. Previously each member had an interest that they pursued and would like to see that formalized. Dority asked how many projects are we looking to work on at a time as the JIACC seems like it will take a lot of time. Morrisette says we need to pull together and work together to get tasks done if someone has a great idea. Dority noted that it would be great to work on an event as people are ready to get out and do things again.

Morrisette noted the Stamp Act Defiance Day is in November and hopefully we can put this event back on. Hedden wanted to make a motion regarding setting a date to discuss moving forward. AK suggested the group could vote on what marker to move forward with then the group could all pitch in to work on it. Hedden asked about membership and AK noted Councilman Milliken would need to appoint a replacement for Susan Milliken. Brown-Crouch suggested at next meeting we brainstorm on what we plan to do for the remainder of the year to include deliverables and direction.

Meeting adjourned at 7 pm. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 1st @ 6:00 pm.

Submitted by Ashley Kellahan