

Town of James Island History Council
Tuesday, November 10, 2020
6:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes
Meeting was held virtually in a Zoom webinar

In Attendance: Chair: Paul Hedden, Inez BrownCrouch, Susan Milliken, Jim Morrisette, Town Administrator: Ashley Kellahan, Mayor Bill Woolsey-liaison to History Council. Absent/unclear if in the webinar/no audio: Michael O'Neale.

Meeting called to order by Paul Hedden, Chair. The History Council meeting minutes from the October 6, 2020 meeting were distributed via email prior to meeting. Members reviewed minutes. P Hedden made a motion to approve the October 6, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by I BrownCrouch. Members voted unanimously to approve the October 6, 2020 meeting minutes. P Hedden stated that M O'Neale gave notice that he is unable to attend this evening.

Oral History Project: After discussion, P Hedden made a motion to defer this topic until the January 2021 History Council meeting. S Milliken seconded this motion. All members agreed to bring this topic back to the council in January 2021.

Stamp Act Remembrance Event: Scheduled for Sunday, November 15, 2020 SCDNR/Fort Johnson, 1- 3 p.m., Rain or Shine. P Hedden has set up all the needed participants and reenactors. The company providing the tent must install it on site on Saturday as they do not work on Sunday. A Kellahan and P Hedden will finish the details to prepare for the event, including access to SCDNR/Ft Johnson on Saturday for the tent set-up. After discussion, it was decided that no refreshments would be served due to COVID concerns. (Motion for no refreshments-S Milliken, 2nd by Jim Morrisette). A Kellahan will make nametags for council members. There will be a Town table set up with the James Island History booklets to give out. History Council members will be attending and assisting.

Black History Month, February 2021: S Milliken gave an update that she spoke with JICHS teacher Angela Childs-Kindred to receive her input. Ms. Childs-Kindred suggested contacting Michele Johnson, JICHS teacher, daughter of Thomas Johnson (James Island community leader) and sponsor for the student club UBASA-United Brothers and Sisters Association, JICHS. S. Milliken will contact Ms. Johnson and report back to the council at the December meeting.

First Shot event, April 2021: P Hedden reminded the council that the SCV will not be participating. There will be "dual events" that day—with one being a reenactment of the First Shot and the other being an educational discussion or some other educational piece that would be more inclusive of additional island history. Mayor Woolsey reminded the council of the significance of the First Shot and that he envisioned the event including additional Civil War history generally on James Island, to be somber, and as a possibility to include the 54th Massachusetts reenactors after the First Shot initial focus in the day. Discussion about how to coordinate the dual events ensued. Motion was made by S Milliken to organize two sub-groups to work with Mayor Woolsey and Town staff on the dual events, one subgroup working on the First Shot reenactment: P Hedden, M, O'Neale and J Morrisette; and the other sub-group to be S Milliken, I BrownCrouch and J. Morrisette to work on the other educational piece to the event (possibly involving the 54th Mass). Motion seconded by I BrownCrouch and passed unanimously. Planning groups will return the History Council with their ideas in December. P Hedden reminded the council that the event should include both military and social elements. It was agreed that the event will keep a focus on Civil War time frame not later history, but be inclusive. I BrownCrouch stated the importance of more planning to be done and to ensure it is one cohesive event although covering more than one topic. Mayor Woolsey reiterated that other Civil War battles involving James Island can be included in the educational focus of the event, such as those involving the 54th Mass. Council members to return in December with more specifics.

P Hedden stated the next meeting of the History Council will be December 1, 2020, 6 p.m. decision to be made later regarding whether by Zoom webinar or in person at Town Hall. Motion to adjourn by S Milliken, seconded by P Hedden, unanimously approved to adjourn meeting at approximately 7:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Susan Milliken