

History Commission Minutes

Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2024 at 6 pm
James Island Arts and Cultural Center
1248 Camp Road, James Island, SC

Call to Order: 6:04 pm

Attendance: Wendy Shelton, Michael Williams, Jim Morrisette, Michael Hemmer, Inez Brown Crouch, Evans Byrd, Sherri Moore, Rembert Moore.

Approval of Minutes from June 11, 2024: Motion to approve, M. Williams; seconded W. Shelton.
Approved unanimously

Old Business

1. SC250 Driving Tour Update: Evans Byrd, audio production contractor for the project, played samples of the audio files for the tour. Feedback was generally positive. M. Williams asked if the overall speed could be slowed down and maybe reduce the sound level on the music for voice actor sections. J. Morrisette suggested more space before voice actor sections at the McLeod Plantation. E. Byrd explained that there are two tracks for Pemberton because the original park we wanted to use won't be open before the tour is released. We will use Plymouth Park and then change tracks later if we want to. E. Byrd said he will make the recommended edits. Discussion followed about how and where to make the tour available. E. Byrd will work with M. Hemmer to upload it to the Town site. E. Byrd also suggested a third party podcast site where we could publish it for about \$50 per year. W. Shelton will follow up with opportunities to post the tour on the website of Free Tours by Foot and E. Byrd will ask about posting it on Walks of Charleston/LowCountry tours. E. Byrd also recommended a mobile website that would include visual files and video clips. W. Shelton notes that the scope of this grant does not include such an expansion but could be considered for future grants. W. Shelton made a motion to advance the work as it is to SC250 for final approval. I.B. Crouch seconded the motion. Wendy made a motion. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Historic Marker Update: W. Shelton explained that back in May, the Seashore Farmer's Lodge text was approved. Former Commission Cubby Wilder had received notification because his name was attached to the original request. He phoned W. Shelton, Edwin Breeden from SC History and the Mayor to voice his concerns about the progress of this project. After discussing the approved text for the marker in detail with C. Wilder, all concerned were ready to move forward with the order. W. Shelton held back placing the Skirmish at Grimball Hall marker order, which also had approved text, pending the next Commission meeting. did not place the order I.B. Crouch requested that the Commission also move forward with a historic maker for Three Trees and other schools for African American children. W. Shelton clarified that she would need text to begin the application process. J. Morrisette made a motion to proceed ordering Skirmish at Grimball Hall since text is approved. M. Williams seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Communication Items. W. Shelton reported that a news release regarding the receipt of the SC250 grant was sent out in June but was unaware if any media has written about it. The Commission had approved a communication plan in the Spring which included a survey. It was hoped that this could

be tied to a TOJI newsletter. M. Williams suggested we postpone the survey and focus on the business items at hand for now. W. Shelton reported that the next communication item would be to promote the new Audio Driving Tour. M. Hemmer made a motion that the Commission proceed with a launch party for the tour, a news release about the event, and reconsider the survey for later. to do these 3 items. W. Shelton seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

4. Pinckney Tombstone. Two descendants from the Pinckney family (Sherry and Rembert Moore) attended the meeting to ask that the TOJI move forward quickly with a celebration at Pinckney park due to their father's advanced age. M. Williams reported that TOJI has decided against relocating Mr. Pinckney's remains but is willing to purchase a replica tombstone for the park. on status. The replica will cost about \$2,500 and be made with antique bricks and iron, handcarved to match the original so that it looks authentic. He said Mayor Lyons is supportive of this plan. M. Williams said he does not have all the information needed to proceed with the project and made a motion to table until next meeting. W. Shelton seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.
5. Stamp Act. Commission discussed whether to continue observing this anniversary with a special event at Fort Johnson. W. Shelton recommended that we combine the event with the launch party since it is included in the audio tour. M. Williams said there is still interest from the schools to have a field trip event as planned in April but was canceled. W. Shelton said it was possible to do both and made a motion to proceed with a plan and share it with the Commission. Seconded by M. Williams. Motion passed unanimously.

No New Business

Adjournment 7:15 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 6 pm at the Arts and Cultural Center.



James Island History Commission Sign in Sheet

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