

GWINNETT HISTORICAL RESTORATION & PRESERVATION BOARD

Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 7, 2021, 6:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

Present: Chairwoman Marlene Taylor-Crawford, Vice Chairwoman Ann Bender, Demetrios Lambros, Justin Walsh, and Sara Howe-Silvers

Absent: Ex-Officio Member Marvin Nash Worthy

Others present: Mark Patterson, Sarah Barlow, Stephen Babb, and Ray Harvin

1. Call to Order
 - a. The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Taylor-Crawford at 6:02pm.
2. Welcome/Opening Remarks
 - a. Chairwoman Taylor-Crawford welcomed new board member Sara Howe-Silvers.
3. Approval of Agenda
{Action: approved; Motion: Bender; Second: Howe-Silvers; Vote: (5-0) Taylor-Crawford-Yes; Walsh-Yes; Lambros- Yes; Bender-Yes; Howe-Silvers-Yes}
4. Announcements (Board Members)
Chairwoman Taylor-Crawford
 - a. Promised Land Market event held on June 12, 2021. Event will include vendors, food and neighboring counties Dekalb and Rockdale. (thepromisedlandmarket.com)
 - b. Juneteenth event will be held at Rhodes Jordan Park on June 19, 2021 in partnership with Gwinnett Community Services and Gwinnett Community Outreach.
5. Old Business
 - Discussion on Soil Collection Ceremony with Gwinnett Remembrance Coalition and the Equal Justice Initiative
 - a. Chairwoman Taylor-Crawford thanked everyone for the weekly meetings with the City of Lawrenceville, Mark Patterson from Gwinnett County, the Gwinnett Remembrance Coalition, and the rest of the Board members.
 - b. Vice Chairwoman Bender shared the Facebook page and website where participants could RSVP to the event at [Gwinnett Remembrance Coalition \(weebly.com\)](https://www.gwinnettremembrancecoalition.com). She stated logos would be added to the flyer by June 8, 2021. Traffic would be halted from 8am-noon for the event which will run from 10am-11:30am.
 - c. Chairwoman Taylor-Crawford stated students from Georgia Gwinnett College would be collecting stories with the help of Dr. Grant and Professor Balsley.
 - d. Demetrios Lambros asked about parking and Chairwoman Taylor-Crawford stated there was ample parking downtown and it was free. Vice Chairwoman Bender stated there was information on parking on the website for the event.
 - e. Chairwoman Taylor-Crawford stated the flyer was being completed and ready on June 8, 2021 with Gwinnett County staff Joe Sorenson and City of Lawrenceville staff Melissa Hardegree. She stated a Save the Date flyer had gone out previously.

f. Mark Patterson thanked the Board for their patience and diligence. He stated the event would be great and would bring people together to move past the horror and atrocities by remembering, memorializing, and educating.

6. Comments from the Public

- a. Mr. Harvin-Chairperson for Gwinnett Remembrance Coalition, discussed Facebook page, website, and flyer. He thanked the Board for their support, it was not taken for granted, there was no push back, no issues and he thanked Mark Patterson of Gwinnett and Chairwoman Taylor-Crawford.
- b. Mr. Babb-echoed Mr. Harvin's comments, he is very grateful for support from City of Lawrenceville, the Board, Chairwoman Taylor-Crawford, and Vice Chairwoman Ann Bender. He stated he was nervous and excited, the music was going to be wonderful, and he shared a book by Clint Smith called "How the Word is Passed" discussing the remembrance of slavery and African American history.

7. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 6:26pm by Chairwoman Taylor-Crawford.

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