

## GWINNETT HISTORICAL RESTORATION &amp; PRESERVATION BOARD

**Meeting Minutes**

Monday, October 18, 2021, 6:00PM

**Members present:** Chairwoman Marlene Taylor-Crawford, Vice Chairwoman Ann Bender, Demetrios Lambros, and Sara Howe-Silvers

**Members absent:** Justin Walsh, County Historian Marvin Nash Worthy

1. Call to Order
  - a. The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Taylor-Crawford at 6:05pm
2. Welcome/Opening Remarks
  - a. Chairwoman Taylor-Crawford welcomed everyone and encouraged participation
3. Approval of Agenda  
{Action: approved; Motion: Howe-Silvers; Second: Bender; Vote: (3-0) Taylor-Crawford-Yes; Bender-Yes; Howe-Silvers-Yes}
4. Approval of Minutes-August 16, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes
5. Announcements (Board Members)
  - a. Chairwoman Taylor-Crawford highlighted the Elisha Winn Fair
6. Old Business
  - a. Preservation Awards
    - i. Discussion on scoring, clarifying eligibility of non-profit organizations for awards, frequency of ceremony, submission via email and mail  
Approval of Application with inclusion of oral histories as acceptable criteria  
{Action: approved; Motion: Taylor-Crawford; Second: Howe-Silvers; Vote: (3-0) Taylor-Crawford-Yes; Bender-Yes; Howe-Silvers-Yes}
    - Approval of Bi-Annual Preservation Award ceremony  
{Action: approved; Motion: Howe-Silvers; Second: Bender; Vote: (3-0) Taylor-Crawford-Yes; Bender-Yes; Howe-Silvers-Yes}
  - b. Gwinnett Remembrance Coalition Marker Installation Ceremony updates
    - i. Marker unveiling event expected to be January 15, 2021
    - ii. Need assistance from City of Lawrenceville and Gwinnett County with flexible police support and use of the Performing Arts Center throughout the event  
Approval of Board writing letter requesting support items expressed by Gwinnett Remembrance Coalition to City of Lawrenceville and Gwinnett County  
{Action: approved; Motion: Lambros; Second: Howe-Silvers; Vote: (4-0) Taylor-Crawford-Yes; Lambros- Yes; Bender-Yes; Howe-Silvers-Yes}

c. Update on tour of historical sites  
Approval of meeting individually at sites  
{Action: approved; Motion: Taylor-Crawford; Second: Lambros; Vote: (4-0) Taylor-Crawford-Yes; Lambros- Yes; Bender-Yes; Howe-Silvers-Yes}

- d. County Historian
  - i. Commissioner Fosque has requested a list of names
  - ii. By Laws may need to be amended
  - iii. Mark Patterson was asked to confirm compensation
  - iv. All Board members to discuss further with their Commissioners
- e. Legal Updates-meeting attendance for board members
  - i. No further updates for meetings

## 7. New Business

- a. Historical Fact
  - i. Vice Chairwoman Bender presented on Sugar Hill and its history as a gold town
- b. Highlight of the Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center
  - i. Cammie Fulmer provided an overview of the environmental and educational aspects of the building

## 8. Project Updates

- a. Mark Patterson provided updates on:
  - i. Yellow River Post Office Site with Hudson Nash House
  - ii. Lawrenceville Female Seminary and Isaac Adair House
  - iii. Elisha Winn House property
  - iv. Promised Land project

## 9. Program Updates

- a. Sarah Barlow provided updates on:
  - i. Partnership events at historic sites-Elisha Winn Fair, Fort Daniel Frontier Fair
  - ii. Freeman's Mill exhibits open, Moonlight at the Mill event 10.22.2021 at 5pm
  - iii. Harvest Homecoming event at McDaniel Farm Park, 10.23.2021, noon-4pm
  - iv. Field trips starting again at Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center
  - v. Knight Family potential donation of items for Isaac Adair House parlor
  - vi. Promised Land genealogy research on enslaved people
  - vii. Oral history training from partners at Atlanta History Center

## 10. Comments from Audience

- a. B. Warbington-enjoyed meeting, informative, grateful to Gwinnett for upgrades to Elisha Winn House property
- b. K. Baskin-Chairwoman of Sugar Hill Historical Society, proud of goal mining history, provided information YouTube channel and Sugar Hill history
- c. D. McCormic-enjoyed Winn Fair
- d. Debra-Hooper-Renwick School in her backyard, very interested in learning and meeting everyone
- e. Dr. M. Robinson-English Professor at Spelman College, lives in Lawrenceville and would like to get more involved, member of Historic Black Towns and Settlement Alliance

## 11. Adjournment at 7:39pm

{Action: approved; Motion: Howe-Silvers; Second: Bender; Vote: (4-0) Taylor-Crawford-Yes; Lambros- Yes; Bender-Yes; Howe-Silvers-Yes}