

GWINNETT HISTORICAL RESTORATION & PRESERVATION BOARD

Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 10, 2022, 6:00PM

Recording link:

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

Members absent: County Historian Marvin Nash Worthy, Justin Walsh, Demetrios Lambros

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome/Opening Remarks
3. Approval of Agenda with removal of Preservation Awards discussion and addition of County Historian discussion
{Action: approved; Motion: Bender; Second: Howe-Silvers; Vote: (3-0) Taylor-Crawford-Yes; Bender-Yes; Howe-Silvers-Yes}
4. Approval of Minutes-November 15, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes
{Action: approved; Motion: Howe-Silvers; Second: Bender; Vote: (3-0) Taylor-Crawford-Yes; Bender-Yes; Howe-Silvers-Yes}
5. Election of Officers
{Action: Tabled Motion; Motion: Taylor-Crawford; Second: Bender; Vote: (3-0) Taylor-Crawford-Yes; Bender-Yes; Howe-Silvers-Yes}
Item was tabled until 1.31.2022 to include all Board members.
6. Announcements (Board Members)
Chairwoman Taylor-Crawford shared two announcements regarding Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day:
 - a. Gwinnett Parks and Recreation is offering volunteer events in several locations on January 17, 2022.
 - b. The United Ebony Society is hosting a vigil in celebration of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the Gwinnett Historic Courthouse from 5-7pm on 1.17.2022.
7. Old Business
 - a. Gwinnett Remembrance Coalition Marker Installation Ceremony updates by Ray Harvin and Stephen Babb
 - i. Historical Marker unveiling on January 15, 2022, at 11am memorializing lynching victim Charles Hale. Area includes 2 new benches.
 - ii. Virtual and in-person event and will include student essay contest winners.
 - b. County Historian
 - i. Board members shared research on nearby government agencies and if they had a Preservation Board and a designated County Historian.

- ii. Board members will continue to examine role of Historian and discuss application questions with Commissioners.

8. New Business

- a. Historical Fact District 3
 - i. Board member Walsh presented on the Peavy cemetery in unincorporated Dacula that the origins are unknown. Cemetery was saved from development in 2018.
- b. 2022 Meeting Dates approved bimonthly on the third Monday starting March 21, 2022, with the addition of January 31, 2022, at 6:00PM at Gwinnett Historic Courthouse or Lawrenceville Female Seminary, dependent on availability. Other locations TBD.

{Action: approved; Motion: Taylor-Crawford; Second: Howe-Silvers: (3-0) Taylor-Crawford-Yes; Bender-Yes; Howe-Silvers-Yes}

9. Project Updates

- a. Dr. Patterson presented updates on the following:
 - i. Yellow River Post Office Site is open and Hudson Nash House nearly complete
 - ii. Interpretive Signage at Yellow River Post Office Site and McDaniel Farm Park in process
 - iii. Elisha Winn property completed
 - iv. Promised Land Site RFP for Big House restoration being released in first half of year
- b. Chairwoman Taylor-Crawford requested a detailed project update on Promised Land, Yellow River Post Office Site and Hooper-Renwick School projects in preparation for Black History Month.

10. Program Updates

- a. Ms. Barlow presented on the following:
 - i. Museum After Dark, Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center, 1.28.2022, 6-9pm
 - ii. Promised Land collection of oral histories in partnership with Atlanta History Center, recently interviewed Ms. Pecola Scott, the oldest living Livsey
 - iii. Promised Land interpretive plan with Ruth Abram
- b. Ms. Fulmer presented on the following:
 - i. Tours of Freemans Mill exhibits every 3rd and 4th Saturday of the month
 - ii. Bus Tour in partnership with the United Ebony Society exploring Black History, adding Elisha Winn property
 - iii. Hooper-Renwick School: 18 oral histories collected

11. Comments from Audience

- a. D. McCormic: with Gwinnett Historical Society Preservation Committee, will attend virtual ceremony for Charles Hale historical marker unveiling. Peavy Cemetery was part of the Harbins Community but cannot confirm it is an enslaved persons cemetery. Two more black cemeteries in the area in Harbins Park.
- b. A. Porter: asked for link to virtual ceremony for Charles Hale historical marker unveiling. Speaks to Mr. Livsey weekly, glad to hear Livsey family is being interviewed.

12. Adjournment at 7:13PM