

James Island History Commission
Minutes
Tuesday Feb 5, 2019

The James Island History Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, Feb 6, 2019 in the Council Chambers at the James Island Town Hall. The Meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by chair Paul Hedden. The following members were in attendance: Chair Paul Hedden, Skipper Keith, Jim White, Inez Brown-Crouch, and Council Liaison Mayor Woolsey. Town Administrator Ashley Kellahan was also present.

Old Business - Chair Hedden began review of history booklet. Consensus was to include an iconic photographic image of James Island on front cover, and a historical map on the back cover. Maps to look at include the 1780 map, 1863 map, and the plantations map. Brown-Crouch made a motion to use the 1863 mellichamp map. Hedden seconded. Keith said we need to get permission from Charleston museum as they have original. All voted in favor. Mayor Woolsey feels McCleod Plantation house should be on the front cover. AK to work with Rachel on getting samples for front cover to vote on. Highlighted sentence on rice should be focused more on sea-island cotton. Look for pics of cotton fields. Library of congress may have it – 1865. Picture of shell ring; Indian mound? Artistic rendition of encampment? Paintings of Haskell; picture of earth works. Chapman – paintings of Cheves / Haskell. Hedden has pics with reenactors. Battery behind the NOAA building – good for photo op?

New Business – Hedden mentioned Gullah in Charleston event. Passed out response from Sauls at Archives & History and they are more than willing to work with Commission on updating documentation at Ft. Johnson. Need to coordinate with DAR as they installed plaque with wrong date. Other updates include Martello Tower, Harleston Battery, 1774 Stamp Act, April 1780 Hessian capture of Fort Johnson, and July 4, 1864 Union attack.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 2nd 2019.

Submitted by Ashley Kellahan