

James Island History Commission  
Minutes  
Tuesday January 3, 2017

The James Island History Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 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, Council Liaison Mayor Woolsey, Commissioner Inez Brown-Crouch, Skipper Keith and Jim White. Also in attendance were Ashley Kellahan, Town Administrator and Ernest Parks.

**Old Business:** Chairman Hedden asked about status of Fort Johnson Park project. Mayor Woolsey responded that the Town hasn't made much progress on it since this summer but will be reaching out to interested parties once more. Hedden also inquired about status of Resolution opposing razing of Pine Tree Hotel at Mosquito Beach. Mayor Woolsey responded that Town Council did pass a Resolution to that effect and the Resolution passed and was forwarded to Cubby Wilder. Hedden inquired about status of Simeon Pinckney marker. Kellahan passed out an email that was sent to the Town Clerk by Dr. Foley, the Historical Marker Coordinator for the Department of Archives and History. He noted that there is limited information on Pinckney and some of what is available is contradictory. He is requesting more information from the Commission on what we would ultimately like to say about this person and what story we are trying to tell. The Commission agreed to take his email and read it, and come back to the next meeting with more thoughts on the subject.

Before moving on to new business, the Commission discussed signage on the new Pinckney Park as it relates to the history of the property and family. Mayor Woolsey explained it would be good to have more information on the family including photos, and Brown-Crouch said she would try again to reach out the Jerome Harris, a descendent of Simeon Pinckney.

**New Business:** Skipper Keith presented a list of historical sites of interest he's been working on. Those Included Battery 5 near Seaside Plantation and the Royal Place. He researched and collected information and the commission agreed to compile a running list of sites so an inventory could be produced. Everyone will try and have a couple sites a meeting. Kellahan asked for them to be submitted to her in Word format so she could easily compile the list and make it available for the public.

Chairman Hedden passed out some old articles regarding the Sol Legare Fisherman and Farmer's and the King Solomon Lodge. There was discussion about how to develop some heritage tourism strategies and perhaps getting local Chamber's and businesses more involved. Hedden mentioned he would like to become more involved in Commission's work to bring about fruition of projects. Mayor Woolsey said he would bring him in more on meetings between various agencies on Fort Johnson Park Project.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 7<sup>h</sup>.

Submitted by Ashley Kellahan