

James Island History Commission
Minutes
Tuesday Sept. 1, 2015

The James Island History Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 1, 2015 in the Conference Room at the James Island Town Hall. The Meeting was called to order by chair Paul Hedden. The following members were in attendance: Inez Brown-Crouch, Skipper Keith, and Council liaison Mayor Bill Woolsey. Also attending were Ashley Kellahan, Town Administrator and James Island resident, June Murray.

The group observed a moment of silence.

Old Business: Chairman Hedden discussed the need for a recording secretary. Ashley Kellahan offered to take minutes on meetings that she was able to attend.

Old Business: Status of historical inventory.

New Business:

Chairman Hedden discussed his progress on a historical inventory to include the Woodland Shores area. He noted the historical sites in the area correlate with the original defense lines of the Confederate Army. He is working on pinning these sites on Google maps. He also discussed the location of "jumping off" point for Cornwallis' landing on Fenwick Plantation. The location, on James Island, is an area where more research and identification is necessary. Chairman Hedden also noted that the site for the last battle of the Revolution in South Carolina occurred on James Island and had received some source material from Town Councilman Garrett Milliken. He noted this would make a good site for a historical marker. The site is located near Dills Bluff Rd.

Commissioner Brown-Crouch discussed her interest of black schools on James Island and locating them. Mayor Woolsey stated he felt a good goal for the Commission would be identifying 1 historical marker a year. Mr. Keith noted the State Archives & History manages the historical marker program. Commissioner Brown-Crouch would like to see Pinckney Park be a focus of the Commission. Mr. Keith urged the members to start writing down the oral history that's known of any site of interest. Mayor Woolsey explained Pinckney Park was named for the original owner, Simeon Pinckney, and that the Town would like to incorporate the property's history into the park plan.

Next meeting is on October 6.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00.

Submitted by Ashley Kellahan