

# History Commission Agenda

Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 5 pm  
James Island Arts and Cultural Center  
1248 Camp Road, James Island, SC

## Call to Order

**Present:** Mike Williams, Jim Morissette, Inez Brown-Crouch, Wendy Shelton, Mike Hemmer, Brook Lyon, Jay Reese, Randy Hilyer, Delores Walters.

## Approval of Minutes from March 5, 2024

Because copies were unavailable at the meeting, formal approval will be completed via email.

## Old Business

1. April 12 Field Trip for local students: Michael reported that one class from First Baptist is attending. He has also contacted DNR to ensure we can use the space. Wendy will complete DNR form and return it. She has also secured re-enactors which will be paid a \$50 stipend and planned a scavenger hunt, games, and snacks for students. Inez has secured four volunteers from the Fire Department and a fire truck.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

2. SC250 grant for Audio Driving Tour: The Commission has received a \$12,000 grant for the audio driving tour project. Wendy, Inez and Jim have done preliminary research for the project. The proposed contractor for the project, Regina Ruopoli plans to attend the May meeting to talk more about her project proposal.

NO ACTION TAKEN

3. Pinckney Park Memorial and Celebration: Inez reported that she has been discussing plans for a celebration for the relocation of Pinckney's headstone to Pinckney park. She will be meeting with them on May 2. Discussion followed regarding the logistics/costs of the move, the replacement headstone, and the plan/date/costs for the celebration.

ACTION: Wendy made a motion to table the discussion until a more formal plan could be presented at our next meeting. Inez seconded. Motion passed.

## New Business

4. Three Trees School: Inez reported that she has been working with new Commission candidate Randy Hilyer to recognize the history of Three Trees Schools—a school she attended. Three Trees was the only school on James Island for African American children in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. Inez and Randy would like to a historic marker on the site.

ACTION: Wendy made a motion to move forward with the process to purchase and install a marker on the site. Jim seconded the motion. Motion passed.

5. Communications plan (surveys, Facebook Page, etc.) Wendy suggested that the Commission have a Facebook Page with updates about activities and information about the Town's History. Discussion followed that this could also serve help us get feedback from our citizens about what they want to see us do regarding History. Jim suggested that we coordinate our effort with the existing presence on the Town's website.

ACTION: Wendy moved that we proceed with a written communications plan for the Commission. Ineze seconded. Motion passed.

6. 3. New members to Commission: New member Jay Reese who works as a ranger for the State Parks has joined the Commission and was approved by Town Council last week. Randy Hilyer, a local teacher and coach and Delores Walters, a historian who is active in the community, attended the meeting to consider joining the commission. They were invited to turn in an application for Town Council approval. NO ACTION TAKEN
7. Financial Report: Wendy shared that the Commission has a balance of \$4,707 with anticipated expenses for the First Shot Field Trip and the new Grimbball Marker and installation to be about \$3,500 before the fiscal year ends July 1. Mike Hemmer reported that generally \$5,000 per year is budgeted for the Commission, but it is flexible. W

ACTION: Wendy moved that the co-chairs prepare a budget of anticipated expenses for the Commission. Inez seconded the motion passes.

### **Adjournment**

Michael made a motion to adjourn. Inez seconded. Motion passed.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday May 14 at 6 pm. James Island Arts and Cultural Center.