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HISTORIC SITE & MONUMENT COMMISSION

Arthur A. Mendonsa Hearing Room
April 7, 2016 4:00 P.M.
Meeting Minutes

APRIL 7, 2016 HISTORIC SITE AND MONUMENT COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

HDRB Members Present: Eli Karatassos, Chair
Walt Harper, Secretary
Thomas Gensheimer
Kristopher Monroe

HSMC Member Not Present: Ryan Madson

MPC Staff Present: Ellen Harris, Director of Urban Planning and Historic Preservation
Sara Farr, Historic Preservation Planner
Mary E. Mitchell, Administrative Assistant

I. Call to Order and Welcome

1. [Order and Welcome](#)

Chair Karatassos called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. He welcomed everyone in attendance and outlined the purpose and role of the Historic Site and Monument Commission.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

2. [Approve Meeting Minutes of February 4, 2016](#)

Attachment: [02-04-2016 Minutes.pdf](#)

Board Action:

The Savannah Historic Site and Monument Commission does hereby approve meeting minutes - PASS of February 4, 2016.

Vote Results

Motion: Thomas Gensheimer	
Second: Kristopher Monroe	
Thomas Gensheimer	- Aye
Walt Harper	- Aye
Eli Karatassos	- Aye
Ryan Madson	- Not Present
Kristopher Monroe	- Aye

III. Regular Agenda

3. [Petition of Loretto Lominack |15-004501-MON | 207 East Liberty Street | Amendment to Location](#)

Attachment: [Staff Recommendation.pdf](#)
Attachment: [AERIAL_MAP.pdf](#)
Attachment: [Site Plan.pdf](#)
Attachment: [Amendment Request.pdf](#)
Attachment: [Site Picture 1.pdf](#)
Attachment: [Site Picture 2.pdf](#)
Attachment: [Site Picture 3.pdf](#)
Attachment: [Site Picture 4.pdf](#)

Ms. Loretto Lominack was present on behalf of the petition

Ms. Sara Farr gave the staff report. The petitioner is requesting approval for an amendment to Part 1: theme, location, and preliminary design, to erect a monument recognizing the contributions of the Sisters of Mercy and the Convent of St. Vincent de Paul to the Savannah community. Part 1 was approved on September 3, 2015. The design will remain the same with the exception of the base size, but the proposed location has changed. Originally the statue was approved to be placed on tree lawn on the south side of Liberty Street. The new location proposed is behind the school's fence on the corner of Liberty and Abercorn Streets. This new proposed location is due to concerns of damage from cars. The size of the statue will remain the same with the exception of the height of the base, which would change from 2 feet to 3 feet in height. The ground at the new location is also 2 feet higher, so the statue will be easily visible to the public. With the figure height remaining 5 feet 8 inches at the tallest point, this is a total of 8 feet 3 inches in height.

Ms. Farr stated that Part II - Design Details and Funding will come to the Commission at a later date. She reported that staff recommends approval of the amendments.

Ms. Lominack explained that they are looking at possibly placing a light here as the area is dark. She said they want to put the monument behind the fence due to their concern that cars might damage it in its present location.

Board Action:

The Savannah Historic Site and Monument
Commission does hereby approve the amendment

to Part I: Theme and Location to relocated the monument at 207 East Liberty Street behind the fence at Liberty and Abercorn Streets, because the proposed project meets the standards in the Master Plan and Guidelines for Markers, Monuments, and Public Art. Part II: Final Design and Funding will be submitted and reviewed by the Board at a later date.

- PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Walt Harper

Second: Thomas Gensheimer

Thomas Gensheimer

- Aye

Eli Karatassos

- Aye

Ryan Madson

- Not Present

Kristopher Monroe

- Aye

Walt Harper

- Aye

IV. Other Business

4. [Commissioner Items](#)

5. [Next Meeting - Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in the Arthur A. Mendonsa Hearing Room, MPC, 112 E. State Street](#)

V. Adjournment

6. [Adjourned](#)

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chair Karatassos adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Harris
Director of Urban Planning and Historic Preservation

EIH:mem

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