



Savannah - Chatham County Historic Site & Monument Commission

Arthur A. Mendonsa Hearing Room
July 5, 2018 4:00 P. M.
Meeting Minutes

JULY 5, 2018 SAVANNAH - CHATHAM COUNTY HISTORIC SITE & MONUMENT COMMISSION

Members Present: Dr. Nicholas Henry, Chair
Kristopher Monroe, Vice-Chair
Alicia Blakely
Eli Karatassos
Ron Melander

Member Absent: Thomas Gensheimer

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

I. Call to Order and Welcome

1. Order And Welcome

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

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

2. Approval of May 3, 2018 Meeting Minutes

[☞ May 3, 2018 Minutes.pdf](#)

Motion

The Savannah-Chatham County Historic Site & Monument Commission does hereby approve the minutes of May 3, 2018.

Vote Results (Approved)

Motion: Thomas Gensheimer

Second: Alicia Blakely

Thomas Gensheimer - Not Present

Dr. Nicholas Henry - Abstain

Eli Karatassos - Aye

Kristopher Monroe - Aye

Alicia Blakely - Aye

Ron Melander

- Aye

III. Regular Agenda

[3. Petition of Alderman Tony Thomas | 18-003143-HM | SE Corner Linwood Rd and Woodley Rd | Naming Petition](#)

📎 [Staff Recommendation.pdf](#)

📎 [AERIAL MAP.pdf](#)

📎 [Submittal Package.pdf](#)

Mr. Joseph Shearouse, Jr. was present on behalf of the petition.

Ms. Sara Farr-Newman gave the staff report. Alderman Tony Thomas of the 6th District has requested to name a park Windsor Park. The park is located on lots 303-313 Linwood Road and 12407 Woodley Road in the Windsor Forest neighborhood. The name of the park, Windsor Park, reflects the name of the neighborhood, Windsor Forest. Lucian Spracher, the City Archives Director, suggested also considering Windsor Forest Park, though was comfortable with either name. The petitioner prefers the proposed name. The lots proposed for the park were once residential lots, but the homes were destroyed by a flood in June 1999. The lots are now FEMA lots and owned by the City of Savannah.

Ms. Farr-Newman stated that as required in the Master Plan and Guidelines, written notice was sent to all property owners, and the neighborhood association, within 200 feet of the subject property. A sign was posted on the property fifteen days prior to the meeting. No comments were received from the public.

Ms. Farr-Newman reported that staff recommends approval to City Council to name lots 303-313 Linwood Road and 12407 Woodley Road Windsor Park, because the name meets the standards.

PETITIONER COMMENTS

Mr. Shearouse stated that a walking trail is presently being installed in this park. The trail is adjacent to the Windsor Forest Community Center. Mr. Shearouse encouraged the Commission members to visit the park.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

Motion

The Savannah-Chatham County Historic Site & Monument Commission does hereby recommend approval to City Council to name lots 303-313 Linwood Road and 12407 Woodley Road Windsor Park, because the name meets the standards.

Vote Results (Approved)

Motion: Eli Karatassos

Second: Alicia Blakely

Thomas Gensheimer - Not Present

Dr. Nicholas Henry - Abstain

Eli Karatassos - Aye

Kristopher Monroe - Aye

Alicia Blakely - Aye

Ron Melander - Aye

[4. Petition of Alderman Tony Thomas | 18-003145-HM | North of Abercorn St Adjacent to the southernmost end of Truman Pkwy | Naming Petition](#)

- [☞ Staff Recommendation.pdf](#)
- [☞ AERIAL MAP.pdf](#)
- [☞ Submittal Package.pdf](#)

Mr. Joseph Shearouse was present on behalf of the petition.

Ms. Sara Farr-Newman gave the staff report. The Alderman Tony Thomas of the 6th District has requested approval to name a park Veterans Memorial Park. The park is located to the east of 11102 Abercorn Street. It is adjacent to the southernmost end of the Harry S. Truman Parkway and is bounded by Abercorn Street to the south and east, and Abercorn Frontage Road to the north and west. The name of the park, Veterans Memorial Park, will honor all military veterans who have and continue to serve the USA. The location is highly visible and helps highlight Savannah's commitment to remembering and honoring past and present veterans.

Ms. Farr-Newman stated that as required in the Master Plan and Guidelines, written notice was sent to all property owners, and the neighborhood association, within 200 feet of the subject property. A sign was posted on the property fifteen days prior to the meeting. No comments were received from the public.

Ms. Farr-Newman reported that staff recommends approval to City Council the petition to name the park Veterans Memorial Park, because the name meets the standards.

PETITIONER COMMENTS

Mr. Shearouse said this location at one time was the Plantation Oaks apartments. The apartments were demolished to make way for the construction of Phase 5 of the Truman Parkway. A retention pond is on the southmost end of the park and open space is on the northmost end. A long term vision is to add vegetation to Abercorn Street to resemble Victory Drive as a memorial to veterans and active military service. A very large American flag is here, 30' x 50'. Retired military equipment will be placed on this site along with a walking trail. The flag and all the additions to this park were funded by the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax [SPLOST].

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

Motion

The Savannah-Chatham County Historic Site & Monument Commission does hereby recommend approval to City Council the petition to name the park Veterans Memorial Park, because the name meets the standards.

Vote Results (Approved)

Motion: Eli Karatassos

Second: Alicia Blakely

Thomas Gensheimer	- Not Present
Dr. Nicholas Henry	- Abstain
Eli Karatassos	- Aye
Kristopher Monroe	- Aye
Alicia Blakely	- Aye
Ron Melander	- Aye

IV. Other Business

5. Commissioner Items

Mr. Karatassos along with the Commission welcomed Mr. Joseph Shearouse, Jr. as an employee to the City of Savannah. Mr. Shearouse's father worked for the City of Savannah many years. His uncle still works for the City of Savannah.

Mr. Monroe asked staff if they have received a petition from Drayton Tower. Ms. Farr-Newman answered no, but if Drayton Tower is proposing any text amendments, they will come to the HSMC.

Ms. Blakely stated that a petition from the West Savannah community will be forthcoming to the HSMC in recognition to rename Richards Street in honor of the young man that was killed a few weeks ago, Shawntray Grant. She said a center is named after Mr. Grant's father, the Grant Center.

Dr. Henry said he attended the naming of West 38th Street between Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Montgomery Street to Rev. & Mrs. Lexcie Aiken Way. He said it appears to be a problem notifying the appropriate people that these things are happening. Sometimes notices are put in the newspaper and sometime they are not. When such dedication as this is going on in the city, notices should be given so the appropriate persons and the public will be aware of it.

Ms. Harris explained that if staff knows when the dedication will be held, they notify the Boards. If no notification is received from staff, it is because they did not know when the dedication was held.

6. Next Meeting - Thursday, August 2, 2018 at 4:00 pm in the Arthur A. Mendonsa Hearing Room, MPC, 112 E State Street

V. Adjournment

7. Adjourned

There being no further business to come before the HSMC, Dr. Henry adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen I. Harris
Director of Urban Planning and Historic Preservation

EIH:mem

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