



Savannah - Chatham County Historic Site & Monument Commission

Arthur A. Mendonsa Hearing Room, 112 East State Street

July 13, 2023

4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

July 13, 2023 Savannah Chatham County Historic Site & Monument Commission

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kristopher Monroe, Chair
Lisa Watson, Vice Chair
Eileen Baker
Nicholas Henry
Catherine Kostilnik
Sean Mannion

MEMBER ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Pamela Everett, Assistant Director
Leah G. Michalak, Director of Historic Preservation
Caitlin Chamberlain, Senior Planner
Bri Morgan, Administrative Assistant
Hind Patel, IT Assistant

I. Call to Order and Welcome

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

[1. Approve May 4, 2023 HSMC Meeting Minutes](#)

Motion

Approve the May 4, 2023 HSMC Meeting Minutes as presented.

Vote Results (Approved)

Motion: Eileen Baker

Second: Catherine D. Kostilnik, PhD

Kristopher Monroe - Abstain

Sean Mannion - Aye

Lisa D. Watson - Aye

Eileen Baker - Aye

Catherine D. Kostilnik, PhD - Aye

Nicolas Henry - Abstain

[2. Approve June 20, 2023 HSMC Special Called Meeting Minutes](#)**Motion**

Approve the June 20, 2023 HSMC Special Called Meeting Minutes as presented.

Vote Results (Approved)

Motion: Eileen Baker

Second: Nicolas Henry

Kristopher Monroe - Abstain

Sean Mannion - Aye

Lisa D. Watson - Aye

Eileen Baker - Aye

Catherine D. Kostilnik, PhD - Aye

Nicolas Henry - Abstain

III. Regular Agenda[3. Petition of Ardsley Park/Chatham Crescent Garden Club, Trish Lawrence | Kavanaugh Park | 23-002804-MON | Monument, Part I](#)

Ms. Caitlin Chamberlain presented the petitioner's request of approval for a monument application, Part I: Theme, Location, and Preliminary Design, to install a commemorative fountain in honor of the late Mary R. Myrick, in the center of Kavanaugh Park within the Ardsley Park/Chatham Crescent neighborhood.

Per the applicant:

"The proposed monument is a minor monument (500 cubic feet or less) in celebration of the Ardsley Park/Chatham Crescent Garden Club's 50th Anniversary. The fountain would be dedicated to its founder, Mary R. Myrick. It will be a lasting tribute that would stand the test of time and add elegance to the natural beauty of Ardsley Park."

PETITIONER'S COMMENTS:

Ms. Trish Lawrence, of the AP/CC Garden Club, introduced the team members.

Ms. Rosemarie Wolf stated the proposed statue has a cast made 1876 and only cast twice. The base cast was made in 1890 and never used.

Ms. Watson asked if the basin has drainage. **Ms. Wolf** responded yes. **Ms. Watson** suggested considering something other than boxwood plants, that look like boxwood, as they have a disease that carries to other plants and kills the boxwoods. **Ms. Lawrence** stated they selected boxwood as nod to Ms. Myrick's garden, is willing to look into others.

Mr. Nick Palumbo, Alderman, commended the club and Ms. Myrick's contributions.

Mr. Monroe asked about the plaque text fact checking and the maintenance. Ms. Lawrence stated they will vet the information and grammar. The City is supposed to maintain the fountain and planting because it is on City property. Mr. Palumbo stated it will be on the same maintenance cycle of the other fountains. He stated the club donates funds to the City for maintenance/renovations annually.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There was no public comment.

BOARD COMMENTS:

The Board was supportive of the petition.

Motion

The Historic Site and Monument Commission recommend approval to the Savannah City Council for the application of Part I: Theme, Location, and Preliminary Design for the creation of a commemorative fountain dedicated to Mary R. Myrick, to be installed in Kavanaugh Park, with the following condition because the project meets the standards in the Master Plan and Guidelines for Markers, Monuments and Public Art.

1.Ensure grammatical and historical accuracy for the plaque text to be submitted with Part II: Final Design and Funding.

Vote Results (Approved)

Motion: Sean Mannion

Second: Nicolas Henry

Kristopher Monroe	- Abstain
Sean Mannion	- Aye
Lisa D. Watson	- Aye
Eileen Baker	- Aye
Catherine D. Kostilnik, PhD	- Aye
Nicolas Henry	- Aye

IV. Other Business

[4. Square Naming Application Process Update](#)

Ms. Caitlin Chamberlain stated the process is still ongoing. There are a total of 14 applications. The next step is the Park and Tree Commission, which is scheduled to meet on July 19, 2023. It then will come to HSMC on August 3, 2023. The HSMC will recommend the top three to five applications to City Council.

[5. Notification Process for Upcoming Unveilings/Dedication Ceremonies](#)

The Commission requested notice of unveilings and ceremonies of petitioned projects. The Commission stated they would do the same if they found out the information first so all parties are informed and can support by attending.

V. Adjournment

[6. Next Meeting: August 3, 2023 at 4 PM- 112 East State Street: Mendonsa Hearing Room](#)

[7. Adjourn](#)

There being no further business to present before the Commission, the July 6, 2023 Historic Sites and Commission Meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leah G. Michalak
Director of Historic Preservation

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