



Savannah - Chatham County Historic Site & Monument Commission

Arthur A. Mendonsa Hearing Room, 112 East State
September 5, 2024
4:00 pm.
Final Agenda

September 5, 2024 Savannah Chatham County Historic Site Monument Commission Meeting

I. Call to Order and Welcome

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Approve the August 1, 2024 HSMC meeting minutes as presented.

Motion

The September 5, 2024 Historic Sites and Monuments Commission motioned to approve the August 1, 2024 meeting minutes.

Vote Results (Approved)

Motion: Eileen Baker

Second: Austin Rojas

Kristopher Monroe - Aye

Eileen Baker - Aye

Catherine D. Kostilnik, PhD - Abstain

Samuel Alai - Not Present

Austin Rojas - Aye

III. Regular Agenda

2. Petition of Jeffery Marshall | 24-0004160-PA | 801 East 31st Street | Mural

Kelli Mitchell presented the applicant's request for approval to install a mural at 802 East 31st Street.

Staff recommended approval of mural at 802 East 31st Street as requested because the project meets the standards within Master Plan and Guidelines for Markers, Monuments, and Public Art.

Kristopher Monroe stated art on private property should not be presented before the Commission. It falls under

Motion

The Historic Site and Monument Commission does hereby approve the mural at 802 East 31st Street as requested because the project meets the standards within Master Plan and Guidelines for Markers, Monuments, and Public Art.

Vote Results (Not Started)

Motion:

Second:

3. Petition of Lucy Brannen | 24-0002610-MON | Columbia Square | Monument, Part II

Caitlin Chamberlain presented the applicant's request of approval for a monument application, Part II: Final Design and Funding, to install a monument commemorating the seven ladies who founded the historic preservation movement in Savannah, first with the saving of the Davenport House in 1955. The proposed location is Columbia Square with the intention of commemorating these women and making sure their legacy is not forgotten. The monument will include their names and a brief description of their accomplishments.

The Seven Ladies were:

Katherine Judkins Clark (1897-1993)

Elinor Adler Dillard (1903-1992)

Anna Colquitt Hunter (1892-1985)

Lucy Barrow McIntire (1886-1967)

Dorothy Ripley Roebling (1904-1977)

Nola McEvoy Roos (1895-1980)

Jane Adair Wright (1901-1991)

In July, Historic Site and Monument Commission members recommended approval to the Savannah City Council for Part I: Theme, Location, and Preliminary Design, and at the August 8, 2024, City Council Meeting, Part I was unanimously approved.

Staff recommended that the Historic Site and Monument Commission recommend approval to City Council for the application of Part II: Final Design and Funding for the creation of a monument dedicated to the Seven Ladies, to be installed in Columbia Square, as requested because the project meets the standards in the Master Plan and Guidelines for Markers, Monuments and Public Art.

4. Petition of Mayor Van Johnson | 24-004336-HM | 201 Montgomery Street | Public Facility Naming

Jonathan Mellon presented the applicant's request for approval of the renaming of The Savannah Cultural Arts Center to have the name of the Dr. Otis S. Johnson Center, which is located at 201 Montgomery Street.

As per the applicant:

"Mayor Otis Johnson is a Savannah native who graduated A.E. Beach High School in 1960, Armstrong Junior College in 1964, and the University of Georgia (A.B.) in 1967. Mayor Johnson's impact on the lives of Savannahians, the fabric of our neighborhoods, and his leadership in challenging how we think about and solve problems together is extraordinary and generational.

The Savannah Cultural Arts Center, located at 201 Montgomery Street, is bordered by Martin Luther King Boulevard and Oglethorpe Avenue. This public facility invites and promotes all Savannahians to express themselves freely and openly through artistic expression. This facility's mission mirrors Mayor Johnson's achievements in fostering collaboration and open expression of ideas."

Staff recommends that the Historic Site and Monument Commission recommend approval to the Savannah City Council for the Renaming of The Savannah Cultural Arts Center as the Dr. Otis S. Johnson Center as requested because the proposed renaming of the public building meets the standards within *Article E- Naming and Renaming of Public Property, Facilities and Streets*.

Motion

The Historic Site and Monument Commission recommend approval to the Savannah City Council for the Renaming of The Savannah Cultural Arts Center as the Dr. Otis S. Johnson Cultural Arts Center as requested

because the proposed renaming of the public building meets the standards within Article E- Naming and Renaming of Public Property, Facilities and Streets.

Vote Results (Not Started)

Motion:

Second:

IV. Other Business

V. Adjournment

[5. Adjourn](#)

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