



**AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2015**

Board Members in Attendance:

Sasha Mitchell, Marvin Chambers, DeWayne Barton, Isaac Coleman, Viola Spells, Phyllis Utley

Council Liaison in Attendance:

Chris Pelly

Staff in Attendance:

Roderick Simmons, Christy Bass

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting of 5/14/2015 were approved on Board Member Marvin Chambers motion, Board Member Phyllis Utley second on a 6-0 vote.

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Monument Discussion Update

Chairperson Mitchell stated that there is interest from a third group in the community in support of placing the monument downtown. The Vance Monument restoration is complete and there is a call for items to be added to the time capsule. Commission member Isaac Coleman suggested a newspaper and Chairperson Mitchell recommended that commissioners email ideas to see if there are other suggestions.

Commission member Marvin Chambers suggested the inclusion of historical black places be included in the historical markings on the monument committee.

Commission member Viola Spells asked if she can be added to the monument committee for Heritage Markers.

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Event Planning

No report.

Chairperson Mitchell stated that there may be other groups in the community organizing events that may not have been captured.

b. Other

Chairperson Mitchell requested that Kelly Goins name be corrected in the minutes. Chairperson Mitchell shared that Commissioner Angel Redmond has submitted her resignation and this will

create a County seat vacancy. Commission member Isaac Coleman motioned to recommend Georgia Shannon to replace Commission member Angel Redmond. Commission member Marvin Chambers seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.

Commission member Isaac Coleman suggested holding the next meeting at another location and having a work meeting.

Commission member Marvin Chambers commented on the setbacks to completing as much as they had hoped, and moving forward hopes that the Commission can get something substantial done for themselves and the community. Chairperson Mitchell encouraged everyone and appreciated all of their time, and added that it can take time to figure out how to be an asset to the community.

Commission member Isaac Coleman asked Roderick Simmons for guidance on how to request funds. Roderick stated that the Commission can make a request to City Council with a reason why the funds are needed along with a work plan. Commission member Isaac Coleman recommended that at the next meeting to come up with a budget and what the funds would be used for, and for Commissioners to have ideas before the meeting.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. ADJOURN

Chair Sasha Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m. without objection.