



**DRAFT AAHC
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, March 10, 2016**

Board Members in Attendance: Dewayne Barton, Marvin Chambers, Isaac Coleman, Sasha Mitchell, Georgia M. Shannon, Viola Spells

Guests in Attendance: Roy Harris

City Staff in Attendance: Alex Carmichael

County Staff in Attendance: Karla Furnari

Chairwoman Sasha Mitchell called the meeting to order at 11:42 AM.

1. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES.

Marvin Chambers moved to approve the February minutes, Georgia M. Shannon seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

2. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Process and Timeline for Creating a Heritage Monument Downtown

The Commission discussed the need for a public impute process. Chairwoman Mitchell said that she will meet with Deborah Miles. The Commission also discussed the status of the flyer.

B. Boy Scout Flag

A flag from the first African American Boy Scout troop, which was started at the Livingston School, has been donated for display at the Edington Center. Commission Member Dewayne Barton asked the Commission to support framing the flag. The estimated cost is \$575.

C. Offer form Green Opportunities for Design/Build

Commission Member DeWayne Barton spoke with Green Opportunities, who has offered to work with the Commission to design and build smaller monuments to honor the history of various neighborhoods. He met with representatives from the Shiloh and East End neighborhoods. Shiloh already has a heritage trail project in the works, and East End/Valley Street is interested in a marker. Ms. Mitchell asked staff to explain the rules for hiring or paying Green Opportunities for the Design-Build of monuments.

D. Offer from Goombay and LEAF for Cultural Events Support

A Representative from the Goombay Festival has offered to provide support and capacity building to small community/neighborhood events, as well as looking for input on how to incorporate the neighborhoods and local African American history at the festival. LEAF has offered to add additional capacity to community events via the ULEAF stage and the Easel Rider. These events will be an opportunity for the Heritage Commission to raise awareness and interest.

3. UPCOMING EVENTS:

Staff provided a calendar of upcoming events.

Chairwoman Sasha Mitchell reminded the Commission that one county-appointed seat remains vacant, and asked the Commission members to recruit volunteers.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Roy Harris updated the Commission about a walking tour he provided for students of the Francis Delaney School. The three hour tour highlighted areas of historical significance to the African American community. Chairwoman Mitchell asked Mr. Harris if he would be willing to share the tour information with the Commission. Mr. Harris said that he would.

Mr. Harris also informed the Commission about a project he is undertaking to document places named after African Americans in a photo-journal.

5. ADJOURN. The meeting was adjourned without objection at 12:09 PM.