



LAWRENCEVILLE

GEORGIA

HOOPER RENWICK LEGACY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 18, 2020
6:00 PM

Third Floor Gwinnett Municipal Association Large Conference Room
70 S. Clayton St, GA 30046

Call to Order

Chairman Bailey recognizing a quorum called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm.

PRESENT

Committee Member Theresa Bailey
Committee Member Constance Brown
Committee Member Ronald Dunnigan
Committee Member Gary Glenn
Committee Member John Maxey
Committee Member Joyce Moore
Committee Member Gwendolyn Brown Taylor
Committee Member Vivian Summerour-Daniel

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – December 17, 2019, January 21, 2020, and February 3, 2020 Special Call

Copies of the minutes from the previous meetings were given to the Committee members for review.

Motion to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2019 meeting was made by Committee Member Dunnigan, Seconded by Committee Member Maxey.

Voting Yea: Committee Member Bailey, Committee Member Brown, Committee Member Dunnigan, Committee Member Glenn, Committee Member Maxey, Committee Member Moore, Committee Member Brown Taylor, Committee Member Summerour-Daniel.

Motion to approve the minutes from the January 21, 2020 meeting was made by Committee Member Maxey, Seconded by Committee Member Taylor.

Voting Yea: Committee Member Bailey, Committee Member Brown, Committee Member Dunnigan, Committee Member Glenn, Committee Member Maxey, Committee Member Moore, Committee Member Brown Taylor, Committee Member Summerour-Daniel.

Motion to approve the minutes from the February 3, 2020 Special Call meeting was made by Committee Member Maxey, Seconded by Committee Member Dunnigan.

Voting Yea: Committee Member Bailey, Committee Member Brown, Committee Member Dunnigan, Committee Member Glenn, Committee Member Maxey, Committee Member Moore, Committee Member Brown Taylor, Committee Member Summerour-Daniel.

New Business

2. Discussion Regarding Field Trip to Relevant Museums

Chairman Bailey stated that this was discussed and they have a working document that will be presented at the March meeting.

3. Update on Discussions with Consultants

Chuck Warbington (City Manager) provided the following updates:

Update on discussion with Melissa Jest:

Melissa would like information on the history of Hooper Renwick as well as information on the project. She would also like to tour the facility and possibly include the project and history in an upcoming newsletter.

She provided the following contact information:

- Bill Hover, Georgia State Historic Preservation
Senior Historic Resource Reviewer
770-389-7850; cell 404-904-5462
 - Melissa encourages you to engage him regarding preservation/repair of the 1955 structure.

Regarding interpretation-planning and execution:

- Velma Thomas Fann
Public Historian
Email: velmafann@gmail.com
- Karcheik CAR-sheek) Sims-Alvarado
Historian
Email: karcheik@preserveblackamerica.com

For other leads, here are two colleagues connected in the Heritage Preservation/ Archive field who may have more/other referrals:

- Kayla Morris
Auburn Avenue
Research Library & Archive
Email: kayla.morris@fultoncountyga.gov
404-613-4033
- Vaughnette Goode-Walker
Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Right Museum
Interim Director
Email: vaughnette@icloud.com
912-695-3872

Lastly, an additional source for interpretation, exhibition, and planning consultants is the consultant directory of the GA SHPO website (link below):

https://georgiashpo.org/sites/default/files/hpd/pdf/Consultants_Directory/CD_Master_List.pdf

Experienced firms may include:

- Brockington & Associates of Norcross lists Heritage Education and Exhibit planning amongst its HP service
- Hartgen Archaeological Associates, Inc. of Athens lists Heritage Education and Context Assessment
- New South Associates based in Stone Mountain (Mrs. Fann is also on staff at New South Associates). This lists exhibit planning and outreach amongst its HP services.
- Ray/Ellis/LaBrie of Atlanta lists Cultural Resource Exhibit planning
- WLA Studio based in Athens consulted on the Gwinnett Environmental/Heritage Center

Update on discussion with Lauren Tate Baeza:

She would like information on the history of Hooper Renwick as well as information on the project including costs and goals. She would also like to tour the facility.

She could be available to work on the project as a consultant later this spring.

Lauren Tate Baeza

- African American Programs Coordinator
Historic Preservation Division
770-389-7870; F: 770-389-7878; Mobile: 404-904-4284
- Director of Exhibitions
National Center for Human Rights
ltatebaeza@civilandhumanrights.org
lauren.n.tate@gmail.com

4. Update on Discussions with Commissioner Marlene Fosque

Chuck Warbington gave an update on his meetings with Gwinnett County Commissioner Fosque

- Met with Commissioner Fosque and Facility Director, Angelia Parham.
- Discussed setting up a tour of the existing facility, when the weather is warmer.
- Chuck will send studies on structure, roof, and mechanical systems for County's use.
- Chuck will resend costs, program, and renderings to Angelia.

Chuck offered Chad Smith's assistance to refine or provide any additional information the County needs to help finalize potential concepts.

Commissioner Fosque emphasized that operations of the museum needs to be sustainable and a plan needs to be in place for the long term. Also, emphasized the importance of separation of the two uses at times is important so each could operate independently.

Action Items:

- Chuck to follow-up with County on items that were requested
- Chuck to begin to work on possible timeline with hopes to present in March
- Chuck to follow-up with consultants and look at next steps
- Theresa to finalize business plan and present in March
- Theresa to finalize field trip list and present in March
- Theresa to continue list of potential artifacts

Final Adjournment

Chuck Warbington reminded everyone that the next meeting is Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 6 pm in City Hall.

Chairman Bailey adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Minutes Signature

Theresa Bailey, Chairman

Constance Brown, Secretary