

Hooper-Renwick Minutes

Date: Tuesday, September 21, 2021, meeting commenced at 6:01 p.m.

Subject: Hooper-Renwick Legacy Preservation Committee Meeting Chairwoman
Theresa L. Bailey presiding

In attendance:

1. Chairwoman Bailey
2. Vice-chair Joyce Moore
3. Secretary Coni Brown
4. Rev. Dr. R. D. Dunnigan
5. Gary Glenn
6. Rory Johnson
7. Greg Lott
8. Dr. John Maxey
9. Rubye Neal
10. Gwendolyn Taylor
11. Marlene Taylor-Crawford

Members Absent: Assistant Secretary Dr. Vivian Daniel

Also in attendance were Chuck Warbington, City Manager, Mayor Pro Tem Victoria Jones, Cammie Fulmer, Interpretive Resources Project Coordinator, Paula Foil, Executive Assistant and Kyle Parker, IT

Opening Prayer: Chairwoman Bailey

Quorum Intake: Vice-chair Moore

Quorum was obtained.

Seven (7) Norms were acknowledged by Chairwoman Bailey.

Meeting minutes from August 17, 2021 were approved and adopted, with corrections.

Old Business:

Update on Gathering of Artifacts by Joyce Moore

- Vice-chair Moore gave an account of artifacts that has been collected, with no new updates to report
- Dr. Maxey questioned the availability of storage, particularly for his donated Baby Grand piano.
- IRPC Fulmer informed him, and all that storage will be provided immediately as soon as the need presents itself.
- She also emphasized that The City already has substantial storage available

Project Status Updates

Mr. Gray (via Ms. Fulmer)

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- New South is in process of completing reviews of the interviews by November 2021
- Construction Manager should be on board by December 2021

Cammie Fulmer, IRC

- Cammie announced that a student from **Gwinnett School of Math, Science and Technology** (GSMST) reached out to her requesting an internship and Cammie has connected **Nela Vintrlikova** to our Hooper-Renwick project to do research in addition to that of New South.
- Chair Bailey requested that Nella and Cammie work closely with HRLPC to make sure the research gathered is kept in context and connected to the history of Hooper-Renwick and the African American community in Gwinnett County.
- Chair Bailey asked for HRLPC volunteers to assist the promotion of this effort. Committee members Vice-Chair Moore, Ms. Ruby Neal and Secretary Coni Brown volunteered to assist.
- Chair Bailey elaborated on how all of this will play an important role in creating, engaging, and developing our genealogy relative to Hooper-Renwick's history.
- Chair Bailey also acknowledged the passing of Mrs. Fannie Lou Summerour Paxton. Ms. Paxton was a member of Renwick High School's first graduating class in 1948. Ms. Paxton was cherished and honored in the African American community. She was also the Aunt of Secretary Coni Brown, Ms. Gwendolyn Taylor, Dr. Vivian Daniel, and cousin to Ms. Ruby Neal.

Chuck Warbington, City Manager

(Acknowledged the absence of Commissioner Marlene Fosque and Councilman Glenn Martin.)

- Mr. Warbington informed the committee that a scoreboard that is missing from the inventory of items from the gym at Hooper-Renwick. He informed the committee that this is not the original scoreboard. He stated that the item is still missing.
- Mr. Warbington guided a lively discussion regarding the annual population of committees in Lawrenceville, Georgia, which also includes HRLPC. He stated that committee positions were filled at the discretion of the Mayor, himself, and the City Council. Mr. Warbington stated that he hoped this conversation would clarify and quell any questions that were raised regarding how committee members are selected to serve.
- Mr. Warbington also fielded questions raised regarding Chair Bailey being a **Gwinnett County Public Library Foundation** (GCPLF) Board Member. He affirmed that he is the one who nominated Chair Bailey over 12 months ago.

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- Chair Bailey also addressed the GCPLF's annual Gala. She informed the committee that this was not a function of the HRLPC. She stated that she, as a Board member, had collected donations and therefore, had tickets and would offer those tickets to committee members.
- Secretary Brown indicated that she might be interested in purchasing a ticket, if asked. Chair Bailey stated that Board members were given the responsibility of raising donated funds. She stated that the tickets she had were at her disposal and were not connected to Hooper-Renwick. Chair Bailey stated that Secretary Brown was given a ticket because of donations that she, Chair Bailey, had incurred.

New Business – *Allow Me to Introduce Myself*

New series implementation whereby each member of HRLPC will give a brief synopsis of their connection to Hooper-Renwick. This week we heard from the following members:

- Constance Brown
- Marlene Taylor-Crawford
- Dr. John Maxey

Final Adjournment of HRLPC at 7:26 p.m. by Chair Bailey with a closing prayer from Rev. Dr. R. D. Dunnigan