

COMMITTEE TO HONOR FANNY WILLIAMS

Minutes - Final



Tim Gould, Chair/Mayor Pro Tem
Latonia P. Hines, Council Member
Kathy Young, Council Member
Jerienne Bonner-Grimes, Committee Member
Lisa Castleberry, Committee Member
Rev. Charles Maxell Jr., Committee Member
Rev. Eldren Morrison, Committee Member
Rev. Derek Porter, Committee Member
Rev. Brian Tillman, Committee Member
Lewis Wheaton, Committee Member

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City Attorney Scott Cochran
City Administrator Joseph Bennett
City Clerk Heather K. Peacon-Corn

November 21, 2023
5:00 PM

1. Roll Call

Present: 7 – Tim Gould, Latonia P. Hines (arrived 5:13 PM), Kathy Young, Jerienne Bonner-Grimes, Lisa Castleberry, Charles Maxell, Jr., and Brian Tillman (departed 5:56 PM)

Staff: 1 – Ashley Youmans

Absent: 3 – Eldren Morrison, Derek Porter, and Lewis Wheaton

2. Call to Order

Chairperson Tim Gould called to order the November 21, 2023 Committee to Honor Fanny Williams meeting held virtually at 5:00 PM.

3. Chairperson Instruction and Comment

4. Formal Business

A. 2023-224 Project Update

Ashley Youmans, Special Projects Coordinator, briefly updated the committee on the status of the Fanny Williams project:

- Artist David Wilson has secured a fabricator for the final design – the fabricator is who actually constructs the sculpture.
- They are confident they can have the installation done by end of February 2024.
- Suggested that the agreement be extended to April 1, 2024 to provide a buffer.
- Staff is prepping the site.
- Community Development will be brought in for the permitting process.

B. 2023-225 Discuss Design Elements

Artist David Wilson sent revised design elements which the committee reviewed. Discussion took place about the revised design elements. Members asked if something can be added to the statue or next to the statue, such as a sign or QR code, for visitors to

find out more information on Fanny Williams' history. Staff will work with the Smyrna History Museum for options.

- Plinth: Approved design.
- Backdrop: Preferred nurse backdrop over church backdrop for its closer ties to Fanny Williams' work in Cobb County. Asked if artist can provide additional, clearer images.
- Face: Archival imagery was used for the revised facial design. Asked if artist can provide option of Fanny Williams smiling.
- Hat: Concern was expressed that representing her in a head covering reflected her more in a position of servitude rather than a position of leadership. Asked for artist to change the hat to something closer to church attire.
- Dress: Approved design.
- Stance: Asked to see model with arms and shovel further from body to reflect a stronger pose.
- Back inscription: Approved design.
- Front inscription: Approved design.

Discussion took place about the timeline for the site preparation and the fabrication of the sculpture. Chairperson Gould said that he and Ms. Youmans will speak to the artist, and they will provide an updated timeline as soon as they know more.

5. Other Business / Staff Comment

6. Adjournment

The Committee to Honor Fanny Williams meeting adjourned at 6:07 PM.

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