

COMMITTEE TO HONOR FANNY WILLIAMS

Minutes - Final



Tim Gould, Chairperson / 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
Dr. Lewis Wheaton, Committee Member

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

Virtual Only

December 19, 2023
5:00 PM

1. Roll Call

Present: 7 – Tim Gould, Latonia P. Hines, Kathy Young, Jerienne Bonner-Grimes (arrived at 5:06 PM), Charles Maxell, Jr., Eldren Morrison and Lewis Wheaton

Staff: 1 – Richard Garland and Ashley Youmans

Also Present: 2 – Annie Mayne (MDJ) and Nicole Moore

Absent: 3 – Lisa Castleberry, Derek Porter, and Brian Tillman

2. Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem / Chairperson Tim Gould called to order the December 19, 2023 Committee to Honor Fanny Williams meeting at 5:03 PM.

3. Chairperson Instruction and Comment

4. Formal Business

A. 2023-243 Approval of Final Design

Mayor Pro Tem / Chairperson Tim Gould welcomed everyone and thanked them for their assistance with this project.

Ashley Youmans, Special Projects Manager, presented artist David Wilson's updated/revised designs: one from December 3 with revisions from the last meeting and another on December 14 providing a model with a shorter hemline and three options for head wraps. The committee reviewed and discussed each element.

- Backdrop
- Stance
- Face/Smile
- Hemline
- Head Wrap

The committee agreed with the revisions to the original design. When discussing the head wrap options, committee members mentioned that option #1, the non-textured head wrap from the December 14th presentation, was preferred. It is a cleaner look and represents more closely what Fanny Williams has often been pictured wearing.

Ms. Youmans explained that, assuming this design is approved today, the artist will move ahead with the fabricator and engineer to determine final spec plans. Mr. Wilson will be working with the Smyrna Community Development Department for permitting. Staff is continuing to prepare the site. Mr. Wilson is still anticipating delivering the statue in late February. Jerienne Bonner-Grimes asked if there is going to be a celebratory unveiling of the statue. Chairperson Gould said there will definitely be an event to unveil this project.

Ms. Bonner-Grimes expressed her gratitude for staff and Smyrna leadership for taking this project and seeing it through, especially as it began as something somewhat distressful. This is something to be proud of, and she thanked everyone involved.

Committee Member Jerienne Bonner-Grimes made a motion to approve item 2023-243, the final design for the Fanny Williams Legacy Project; seconded by Committee Member Lewis Wheaton.

The motion to approve carried with the following vote:

Aye: 6 – Committee Member Hines, Committee Member Wheaton, Committee Member Bonner-Grimes, Committee Member Maxell, Jr., Committee Member Morrison, Committee Member Young
Nay: 0 – None
Recuse: 0 – None

5. Approval of Minutes

A. MIN2023-127 Approval of the November 21, 2023 Committee to Honor Fanny Williams meeting minutes

There was a question about how the minutes are created. Ashley Youmans, Special Projects Manager, explained that the City Clerk's office takes the recording along with Ms. Youmans' notes and drafts the minutes.

Committee Member Latonia P. Hines made a motion to approve item MIN2023-127, the November 21, 2023 Committee to honor Fanny Williams meeting minutes; seconded by Committee Member Rev. Eldren Morrison.

The motion to approve carried with the following vote:

Aye: 6 – Committee Member Hines, Committee Member Wheaton, Committee Member Bonner-Grimes, Committee Member Maxell, Jr., Committee Member Morrison, Committee Member Young
Nay: 0 – None
Recuse: 0 – None

6. Other Business / Staff Comment

Committee Member Latonia P. Hines wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

7. Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem / Chairperson Gould adjourned the December 19, 2023 Committee to Honor Fanny Williams meeting at 5:25 PM.

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