City Council Meeting - Final

June 05, 2023
7:00 PM

D. **RFQ2023-13** Approval to award RFQ 23-013 Fanny Williams Legacy Project to the team of David Wilson, Stephen Hayes, and Michael Gonzales for their proposed design, Testimony of Redemption for $125,000, and to authorize the Mayor to sign and execute all documents.

City of Smyrna

Issue Sheet

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Ward 3 Councilmember - Travis Lindley

ISSUE AND BACKGROUND:

For the past year, the Committee for Fanny Williams (Committee) has been working to identify and recommend an appropriate memorial to honor Fanny Williams. In August, with the help of professional panelists, Keith Kaseman, Assistant Professor of Architecture at Georgia Tech; Nicole Moore, Director of Education National Center for Civil and Human Rights; Dr. Karcheik Sims-Alvarado, Assistant Professor of Africana Studies Morehouse College; and Jennifer Grant Warner, President and CEO Fernbank Museum of Natural History, the Committee developed and released a Request for Qualifications for the Fanny Williams Legacy Project. The Committee received 36 submissions and recommended four finalists who were each asked to provide a proposed project design. The Committee interviewed the finalists, completed reference checks, and recommends Mayor and Council award
RFQ-23-013 to the team of David Wilson, Stephen Hayes, and Michael Gonzales.

RECOMMENDATION / REQUESTED ACTION:

Staff recommends approval to award RFQ 23-013 Fanny Williams Legacy Project to the team of David Wilson, Stephen Hayes, and Michael Gonzales for their proposed design, Testimony of Redemption in the amount of $125,000, and to authorize the Mayor to sign and execute all documents.

INSPIRATION | LIFE

We're cognizant of the history of the Cabin in relationship to Fanny Williams and seek to employ her greater community accomplishments as a driver for our ideation process. We seek to naturally take inspiration from architectural elements of the Cabin as complimentary design aesthetics, and build upon materiality + form from her civic contributions to the Marietta Negro Hospital and Wheat Street Baptist Church.

INSPIRATION | CIVIC + ACTIVISM

From the groundbreaking for Wheat Street Baptist Church we are inspired to consider how materiality, texture, and color could all work together to narrate an uplifting and honoring memorial to Ms Williams' story. There's a natural connection as well between the soil that grew the vegetables she used for her homemade recipes and the foundations she laid as a civic icon. We also would like to consider how aspects of color and light can be integrated into the overall memorial plaza through lasting legacies she helped create, such as the stained glass windows of Wheat St Baptist.
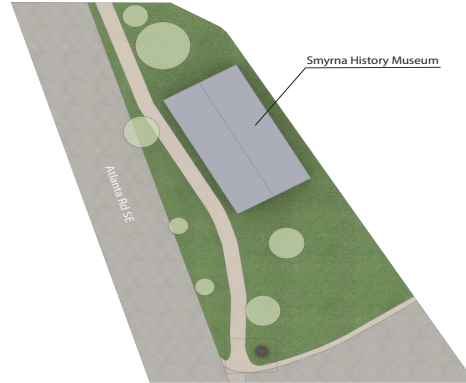

TESTIMONY OF REDEMPTION

Fanny Williams Legacy Project
Smyrna, GA
4/26/2023

Team Wilson + Hayes + Gonzales

David Wilson
https://www.davidwilsonpublicart.com/

Stephen Hayes
https://www.stephenhayescreations.com/

Smyrna History Museum

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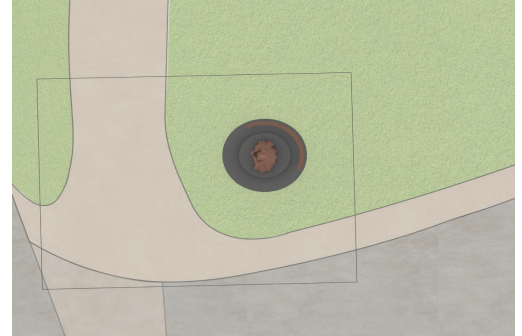
Context Plan

Site Plan

"In the sweet by and by
We shall meet on that beautiful shore
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We shall meet on that beautiful shore
We shall sing on that beautiful shore
The melodious songs of the blessed
And our spirit shall sorrow no more
Not a sign for the blessing of rest."

– Hymn by Joseph Philbrick Webster
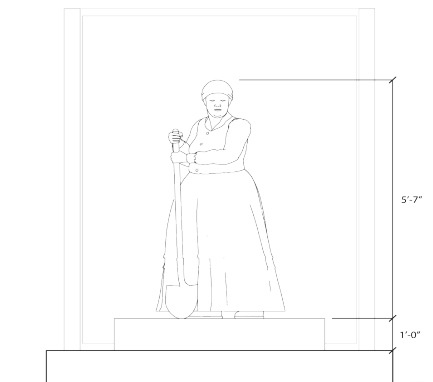

Fanny Williams Hospital Groundbreaking

Front Perspective

Front Elevation

5'-7"

1'-0"

Rear Perspective

Rear Elevation

7'-0"

1'-6"