

Citizens' Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

March 29, 2018

Jane Plum called the meeting to order at 12:40pm.

Approval of Minutes - Minutes from the December 2017 meeting were approved with one change, misspelling of “comradery”.

- First – Daphne Maxwell Reid
- Second – Susan Allen
- Yay’s – all
- Nay’s – none
- Unanimously Passed

Opening Remarks (Michael Carey) - Excited to be working with everyone over the next several years. This is my 4th historic house to be working in. Had the honor of working on the Northam’s inauguration.

Welcome Remarks from the First Lady (Pamela Northam) – It is our honor and privilege to welcome everyone here today. Every time we step into this wonderful treasure, we know that you all have made sacrifices and service to this home. We look forward to working with and learning from you and continuing this wonderful work and future for next generations. For those rotating off, please consider becoming a docent.

Stakeholder Reports:

- Colleen Messick (VCF)
 1. Dedication ceremony for Mantle: Virginia Indian Tribute will be on April 17, 2018, from 11:00-11:30am in Capitol Square.
 2. The Women’s monument will begin breaking ground in April. Need about 1 million dollars more to finish raising funds for the monuments. Dedication ceremony is planned for October 2018.
 3. The Capitol Visitor Experience over the next 6-8 months will be pulling together a stakeholder group to revisit the website and include visiting materials, Google maps, lesson plans, and more. This will be a collaborative effort between DGS, Capitol, and General Assembly.

4. Justin Gunther will be leaving his position as architectural historian and will be the director of Falling Water. We will be looking to fill that position in the coming months.
 5. With the Executive Mansion, we are working on the MOU with the foundation. We look forward to supporting you all in your initiatives.
- DGS (Dena Potter)
 1. Director of Communications with Department of General Services (DGS).
 2. Worked with McAuliffe move out and Northam move in throughout inauguration
 3. Will serve as Mansion liaison for DGS
 4. DGS has planted grass seed where inauguration made an impact
 5. Working on Garden Week with Mansion staff
 6. Will be doing painting of fence and light poles around Capitol Square
 7. General Assembly Building (GAB) finished abatement and interior demolition and are now working on exterior demolition.

Moment in History (Lauranett Lee) – Will officially be a full time faculty member at University of Richmond in the fall.

March 29 and April 9 the Appomattox campaign happened
 Battle of Louis farm in Dinwiddie County – Union victory
 Reading from Mary Theobald's book about the fire/burning of Richmond and its impact on the Mansion.

Appreciation for Service

Jane Plum – Terms on the CAC are not very staggered and it will cause a serious transition between now and the next meeting. Please share your projects:

- Rita Smith – Awareness of the Battleship Virginia and want to continue to help with the conservation of the silver.
- Mark Herndon – Very exciting to see the kitchen and cottage transformed and interpreted correctly as well as working on the battleship silver.
- Susan Allen – It has been a joy to be on this side of the table and as times change to work on things that stay constant. The missions that have taken place while I have been on the board, such as the transformation of the

original kitchen, have been incredible. Thank you to those who have left your mark and those who will continue your service.

- Harry Davis – Considering the history of this Mansion, the furnishings are not up to speed. Many things do not belong in here and Will Paulsen’s inventory can serve as a blueprint moving forward.
- Sarah Scarbrough – My experiences here over the last 9 years will certainly be missed.
- Kathleen Kilpatrick – I am rotating on and I have had an enormous honor to work with the Mansion, Capitol, and General Assembly over the years. I am delighted to be back.
- Jane Plum – We worked with the previous Deputy Director, Victoria Lewkow, and redid the photos on the one side of the hall. The collection of photos are useful during tours.

Committee Reports:

Building and Restoration (Bryan Green) – The project of putting together a history of the Mansion took the backburner as the kitchen project took place. If you have any information, please reach out to me. Looking forward to coming back to this project. Any internship opportunities would be coordinated through the Mansion Director, Michael Carey.

Collections (Harry Davis) – No updates

Education (Clay Hamner) – Not present

Furnishings (Will Paulsen) – Not present

Closing Remarks (Michael Carey) – For those rotating off, we have a small gift on the front table. I would like to continue to stay in touch with everyone that is rotating off the board. We appreciate you all coming today and thank you very much.

Adjournment

The CAC meeting was adjourned at 1:27pm.

Attendees:

1. Jane Plum

2. Mary Theobald
 3. Margaret "Peggy" Richardson
 4. Bob Brink
 5. Harry Davis
 6. Beverly Davis
 7. Daphne Maxwell Reid
 8. Rita Smith
 9. Tom Camden
 10. Eileen Lee
 11. Sarah Scarbrough
 12. Laurant Lee
 13. Bryan Green
 14. Kathleen Kilpatrick
 15. Tasha Chambers
 16. Mark Herndon
 17. Susan Allen
 18. Christy Coleman
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19. First Lady Pamela Northam
 20. Michael Carey, Mansion Director
 21. Stacy Ellis, Deputy Mansion Director
 22. Linda Robinson, Head Docent
 23. Dena Potter, DGS
 24. Colleen Messick, VCF
 25. Peggy Layne