

Committee on Alabama Monument Protection (CAMP)
Minutes of April 13, 2023
11:00 AM
Alabama Department of Archives and History

Members present:

Alyce Spruell, Chair (Attended virtually)
Sen. Gerald Allen
Gen. Ed Crowell, Vice Chair
Mayor Gary Fuller
Rep. Laura Hall (Arrival at 11:17 a.m.)
Sen. Bobby Singleton

Members absent:

Dr. Richard Rhone
Dr. Judson Edwards
Rep. Ed Oliver

Agency staff present:

Steve Murray, Department of Archives & History
Tunisia Thomas, Department of Archives & History
Lee Anne Wofford, Alabama Historical Commission
Mickey Allen, Real Property Management, Department of Finance (Attended virtually)

Guests present:

Brett Blackburn, Office of the City Engineer, City of Tuscaloosa
Tyler Vodopich, Office of the City Engineer, City of Tuscaloosa

Welcome and call to order: Vice Chair Ed Crowell presided at the meeting because obligations out of town required that Chair Alyce Spruell participate in the meeting via Zoom. Mr. Crowell called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. and welcomed committee members, staff, and guests.

Declaration of quorum and proper advance notice of meeting: Vice Chairman Crowell confirmed that a quorum was present and that the board meeting had been announced in advance and in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

Adoption of agenda: Vice Chairman Crowell called for a motion to adopt the agenda. *Senator Singleton moved that the agenda be adopted, and Senator Allen seconded.*

Members voted by roll call:

Gerald Allen – Yes
Ed Crowell – Yes
Gary Fuller – Yes
Bobby Singleton – Yes
Alyce Spruell – Yes

The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Approval of minutes: Vice Chairman Crowell called for a motion to approve the minutes of the last board meeting. *Senator Singleton moved that the minutes of the October 13, 2022, Committee meeting be approved as written and distributed prior to today's meeting. Senator Allen seconded.*

Members voted by roll call:

Gerald Allen – Yes
Ed Crowell – Yes
Gary Fuller – Yes
Bobby Singleton – Yes
Alyce Spruell – Yes

The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Review Membership of the Committee: A list of the current committee members was distributed in the meeting packets. All existing legislative members were reappointed for a four-year term. Representative Ed Oliver was appointed to the committee by Speaker Nathaniel Ledbetter to fill the vacancy left by former representative Rich Wingo. The governor’s appointments office is currently reviewing two existing vacancies: Class 1-3 Municipal Official and County Commissioner

Consideration of Applications for Waiver by the City of Tuscaloosa:

Newtown Pocket Park: Tyler Vodopich with the Office of the City Engineer in Tuscaloosa gave a brief overview of the Newtown Pocket Park project. The city would like to relocate the Newtown monument a short distance to a more prominent location in Newtown Pocket Park as part of an improvement project with new sidewalks and landscaping.

Senator Singleton moved to approve the waiver with the stipulation that the brick plinth be repaired or rebuilt to match existing conditions if it is damaged during relocation. Senator Allen seconded.

Members voted by roll call:

Gerald Allen – Yes
Ed Crowell – Yes
Gary Fuller – Yes
Laura Hall – Yes
Bobby Singleton – Yes
Alyce Spruell – Yes

The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

Snow Hinton Park: Brett Blackburn with the Office of the City Engineer in Tuscaloosa gave a brief overview of the Snow Hinton Park project. The city would like to relocate a monument a short distance within the park as part of an improvement project featuring new walkways and landscaping. Mr. Blackburn explained that the city plans to replace the existing metal monument to Mayor Snow Hinton, which shows signs of deterioration and vandalism. The new monument will be created to match the existing one in content and appearance.

Senator Allen moved to approve the waiver with the stipulation that if a replacement monument is created, it maintains the same content and appearance as the current one. Senator Singleton seconded.

Members voted by roll call:

Gerald Allen – Yes
Ed Crowell – Yes
Gary Fuller – Yes
Laura Hall – Yes
Bobby Singleton – Yes

Alyce Spruell – Yes

The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

Adoption of FY 2024 schedule for committee meetings and waiver application deadlines:

The FY 2024 schedule was distributed in the meeting packets. *Mayor Fuller moved that the proposed schedule of meetings and deadlines be adopted, and Senator Singleton seconded.*

The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

Public Comment Period: There were no public comments given.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Vice Chairman Crowell called for a motion to adjourn. *Senator Singleton moved that the meeting be adjourned. Senator Allen seconded, and the motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.*

The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

Approved by the Committee on _____

Ed Crowell, Vice Chair