

Committee on Alabama Monument Protection (CAMP)
Minutes of October 13, 2022
11:00 AM
Alabama Department of Archives and History

Members present:

Alyce Spruell, Chair
Sen. Gerald Allen
Gen. Ed Crowell
Mayor Gary Fuller
Rep. Laura Hall
Sen. Bobby Singleton
Dr. Richard Rhone

Members absent:

Dr. Judson Edwards
Rep. Rich Wingo

Agency staff present:

Steve Murray, Department of Archives & History
Tunisia Thomas, Department of Archives & History

Guests:

Sen. Clyde Chambliss
Kyle Shirley, County Attorney
Kristi Pieper, County EDA
Jonathan Hancock, Eagle Scout
Jim Whitaker, American Legion

Welcome and call to order: Chairwoman Alyce Spruell called the meeting to order at 11:13 a.m. and welcomed committee members, staff, and guests.

Declaration of quorum and proper advance notice of meeting: Chairwoman Spruell 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: Chairwoman Spruell called for a motion to adopt the agenda. *Dr. Rhone moved that the agenda be adopted. Senator Allen seconded, and the motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.*

Approval of minutes: Chairwoman Spruell called for a motion to approve the minutes of the last board meeting. *General Crowell moved that the minutes of the July 14, 2022, Committee meeting be approved as written and distributed prior to today's meeting. Representative Hall seconded, and the motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.*

FY 2022 Annual Report: The annual report for FY 2022 was distributed to committee members in advance of the meeting. Chairwoman Spruell called for a motion to adopt the report. *Senator Allen moved that the FY 2022 annual report be approved. General Crowell seconded, and the motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.* The report will be posted on the CAMP website.

Review Membership of the Committee: There are currently two vacancies on the committee, which include the county commissioner position and the Class 1-3 municipal official. Representative Wingo is not seeking reelection to the legislature, so at least one new member will be appointed by the Speaker in the new quadrennium. All legislative members must be reappointed each quadrennium. A list of committee members was distributed in meeting packets.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair: Chairwoman Spruell opened nominations for chair and vice chair of the committee. *Senator Allen nominated Alyce Spruell as chair. Senator Singleton seconded. General Crowell moved to close the nominations. Senator Allen seconded, and the motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.*

Dr. Rhone nominated Ed Crowell as vice chair. Senator Allen seconded. Senator Singleton moved to close the nominations. Representative Hall seconded, and the motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

The respective nominees won election by unanimous votes.

Consideration of Applications for Waiver by the Autauga County Commission:

Eagle Scout Jonathan Hancock gave a brief overview of his project to create a memorial plaza on the grounds of the Autauga County courthouse and to relocate three existing monuments from their existing locations on 4th Street to the new plaza, located on the same block. The Autauga County Commission submitted applications for waivers to the Alabama Memorial Preservation Act so the monuments can be relocated. Copies of the proposal were distributed in the meeting packets.

Chairwoman Spruell called for a motion for the Committee to act on the waiver applications. *Senator Allen moved that the Committee act on the waiver applications. Mayor Fuller seconded. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote, following a brief discussion.*

Chairwoman Spruell then called for a motion indicating that the information provided with the applications is sufficient to establish the ages of the existing monuments. *General Crowell moved that the Committee received sufficient information to establish the ages of the monuments. Senator Allen seconded, and the motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.*

Lastly, Chairwoman Spruell called for a motion to approve the waiver applications submitted for the Vietnam War Memorial, the Korean War Memorial, and the Fallen Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.

Senator Singleton moved that the waiver application for the Vietnam War Memorial be approved. Senator Allen seconded, and the motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Senator Singleton moved that the waiver application for the Korean War Memorial be approved. Mayor Fuller seconded, and the motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Senator Singleton moved that the waiver application for the Fallen Law Enforcement Officers Memorial be approved. Mayor Fuller seconded, and the motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment Period:

Brief comments were provided by Senator Clyde Chambliss and Attorney Kyle Shirley.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Chairwoman Spruell called for a motion to adjourn. *Crowell moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mayor Fuller seconded, and the motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.*

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Approved by the Committee on April 13, 2023



Alyce Spruell, Chair