

Alexandria Community Remembrance Project Soil and Marker Committee Meeting

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Thursday, March 31, 2022

7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting via Zoom Webinar

Attending: David Spinrad (Chair), Lotte Lent, Patrick Andriak, Jeff Davidson, Shelli Ross, Gal Adam Spinrad

Staff: Gretchen Bulova, Audrey Davis, Tiffany Pache

Public: Ruth Reeder

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Virtual meeting requirements read by Tiffany Pache.
3. Welcome by David Spinrad.
4. Descendant Research Update presented by Audrey Davis.
Two genealogists hired:
Char McCargo Bah Thomas has leads that she is following up on.
Leslie Anderson McCoy has a lead and is travelling to try and confirm.
5. The April 23 will be a remembrance for McCoy, but not a soil collection. It will be the first large public event for McCoy.
6. Soil Collection for McCoy and Thomas led by Gretchen Bulova
 - OHA staff traveled to EJI in Montgomery on a on fact finding mission in early March. Discussed information related to soil collection:
 - i. There is an application process we must adhere to for the soil collection.
 - ii. Strong desire to include descendants in soil collection and pilgrimage.
 - iii. Soil collection needs to take place no later than mid-September
 - iv. Proposing to combine soil collection, rather than two individual events
 - v. Discussion followed and the committee agreed with the joint ceremony.
 - Soil ceremony at EJI is able to take place in the auditorium at the National Memorial for Peace and Justice, where the pillars are located.
 - Ceremony tentatively planned for Friday, Oct 7 at 10 a.m.
 - The Mayor of Alexandria is able to join ACRP for this soil ceremony.
7. Update on EJI markers presented by Gretchen Bulova
 - We had been under the impression we would only get one marker, but that is no

longer the case.

- Application for EJI markers is now through the VA Department of Historic Resources.
- Ideas for markers include the two lynching locations, the original police station, the jail, and Penny Hill Cemetery.

8. Next Steps offered by David Spinrad

- Meet on April 28 to discuss the descendant research progress.
- Soil Ceremony in Montgomery Idea Generation

9. No public comment.

10. Concluded at 7:59.

11. Next meeting, April 28, 2022