

**Alexandria Community Remembrance Project**  
**Soil and Marker Committee**  
Thursday, June 30, 2022  
Virtual Meeting  
MINUTES

Attending: David Spinrad (Chair), Patrick Andriak, Gretchen Bulova, Audrey Davis, Jeff Davidson, Lotte Lent, Tiffany Pache, Gal Spinrad, DeeDee Tostanoski

1. Call to Order at 7:05 p.m. by David Spinrad, Chair
2. Request to Smoot Lumber to provide building materials for soil collection stand
  - a. David Spinrad has emailed twice, with no response
  - b. Next step is to call or visit in person, Jeff Davidson offered to follow up
  - c. Smoot Lumber had been involved in the lynching and this would serve as a restorative measure
3. Update on EJI Soil Collection Framework.
  - a. ACRP has a new representative from EJI
  - b. Application has been approved. They will send 8 soil jars and a representative to the September 24<sup>th</sup> program.
4. Review and update plan for soil collection.
  - a. Location for soil collections scouted and selected, combined 14 sites
  - b. Large volume of soil needed, without debris
  - c. How do we collect the soil? With an event?
  - d. Where is the soil stored prior to the Sept 24 event?
  - e. Friday evening (Sept 23) church service at Roberts Memorial and Shiloh, with soil ceremony and blessing. If family members involved, defer to their wishes.
  - f. Could the poet help with soil collection and write a poem about the experience to read at the event?
5. Soil Ceremony, September 24
  - a. Components: Music, call to gather, proclamation, remarks by ACRP co-chairs/EJI representative, narrative reading by 2 high school students (16 and 18 year), poem, recognize family members/speak, soil in jars, closing reflection/call to action
  - b. Larger program with photos and detailed information

- c. Could there be a joining of the soil as part of this event?
- d. Important to discuss the meaning of the soil as part of the event
- e. Could there be a blessing at this event in lieu of Friday ceremony?
- f. Conclude with sharing/counseling

6. Generate ideas to link September event with pilgrimage.

- a. City proclamation
- b. Mayor to Mayor remarks
- c. Music/Poem
- d. Discuss in more detail at the next meeting

7. No members of the public attending

8. Meeting concluded at 8:33 p.m.

9. Next Meetings: July 28 and August 25, 2022.