

**Alexandria Community Remembrance Project**  
**Benjamin Thomas Remembrance Planning Sub-Committee Meeting**

**Meeting Notes**

June 8, 2022  
4:00 to 5 p.m.

Lloyd House, 220 N. Washington Street, Alexandria

Present: Amy Berch, Gretchen Bulova, Mark Farkas, Michael Johnson, McArthur Myers, Tiffany Pache.

Attending by conference call: Rose Dawson, Darlynn Franklin, Jean Kelleher.

1. Gretchen Bulova called us to order at 4:00.
2. Updates:

The Steering Committee recommended we have an evening program beginning at 6 p.m.

Important to craft a different program from the last few.

Sound and Lighting is booked.

Outreach recommendations: Elks, Divine 9, Progressive Club.

Send a letter to the organizations ask for representatives to join us as the program will focus on the heroes.

Discussed event sponsorships, community tables.

We do expect to be able to invite some descendants of the heroes.

3. Remembrance location will be Market Square and we will hold it at 6pm.
4. Components and logistics: Enduring Legacy suggested for a theme.

Rose explained her idea of having representatives in the audience stand and be recognized as the heroes.

Tiffany suggested after their recognition the speaker and students could enter into a call and response detailing how their efforts and those of Alexandria's social and civil activists that followed impact the future.

Gretchen suggested having students tell the narrative of events.

Discussion of speakers, musicians and wreath laying.

5. Assignments: We agreed to work on how the narratives could be presented.
6. Audrey Davis concluded the meeting at 5:45.

7. Next Meeting: July 11, 2022 at the Lloyd House.