

Alexandria Community Remembrance Project
Steering Committee Meeting
Meeting Notes

March 22, 2022

4:00 to 5 p.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/95820045154>

Passcode: 007703

Dial-in number: 301-715-8592

Attending: Gretchen Bulova, Audrey Davis, Rose Dawson, Darryllyn Franklin, Michael Johnson, Jean Kelleher, Letty Maxwell, McArthur Myers, Tiffany Pache.

Attendees: Char Bah, Leslie Anderson

1. Meeting Called to Order (Audrey Davis)
2. Reading of Virtual meeting notice (Gretchen Bulova)
3. EJI Visit Update (Audrey Davis)
 - a. Traveled to Montgomery, Alabama beginning of March.
 - b. Met with EJI reps to discuss pilgrimage.
 - c. Met with Step Guide Wanda Battle.
 - d. Met with Visit Montgomery contacts.
 - e. Currently nailing down hotel contract.
 - f. Next steps, budget, registration and marketing.
4. Essay Contest and Soil Collection Process (Tiffany Pache)
 - a. We plan to participate in the EJI essay contest next winter, providing information to EJI in the fall. The contest web portal will open Jan/Feb 2023. We will begin working with ACPS, recommendations from (Maxwell) and Rec Center/Library for assistance (Rose/Michael).
 - b. Due to desire to involve descendants soil collection will be scheduled for September, prior to the Pilgrimage.
5. Descendant Research Update (Audrey Davis)
 - a. Leslie Anderson provided an update on the Joseph McCoy descendant research.
 - b. Char Bah reported her results with the Benjamin Thomas descendant research. She plans to meet a potential descendant in May.
6. April 23 Remembrance
 - a. April 22 Spaces for Remembrance Symposium with Dr. Thomas Lutz, Dr. Mischa Kuball at The Lyceum (Audrey)
 - b. Working on a public program as part of the symposium for April 21
 - c. McCoy Remembrance Ceremony components

1. 3 pm start time
2. Officials invited
3. Applied for permits
4. Preparing for banners to hang, additional one at The Lyceum
5. Illumination of City Hall and Masonic Memorial planned
6. Farmers Market (Old Town) booth to promote ACRP
 - April 9 – Tiffany, McArthur
 - April 16 – Darrlynn, McArthur, Jean
7. Committee Structure Revision
 - a. Discussion to take place at the May meeting
 - b. Re-examine existing structure to better reflect needs of organization
8. Confirm regular meeting date: 4th Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. (in-person)
9. Public Comment
 - a. No public present.
10. Meeting concluded at 5:10 pm.