## **Alexandria Community Remembrance Project** Steering Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 1, 2023 5 – 6 pm The Lloyd House, 220 N. Washington St. Meeting Notes

In Attendance: Audrey Davis, Rose Dawson, Rev. Quardricos Driskell, Darrilyn Franklin, Jean Kelleher, Linda Howard, Tiffany Pache, RaAlim Shabazz, Rabbi David Spinrad, and Kennetra Wood.

Public Attending: Paul Glist

- 1. Audrey Davis called the meeting to order at 5:13 p.m.
- 2. Update on August 8, Thomas Remembrance

Committee members reviewed the draft run of show and discussed an acknowledgement statement. Davis updated members about the McCoy and Thomas family descendants.

3. Fall Event, tentatively September 23, 2023

Discussion of event included inviting Civil Rights Activist Joan Mulholland to speak.

4. Scholarship in the names of Benjamin Thomas and Joseph McCoy

Discussion included work with the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria and meeting the financial goal of \$25K by March 1, 2024 to offer scholarships to the ACHS class of 2024. A fundraising dinner idea was proposed and briefly discussed.

5. Documentary

Davis informed the committee that Robin Hamilton has been engaged and that an initial meeting was held. Hamilton has created a draft of the documentary and is lining up individuals to interview. Her crew will be filming the Aug. 8 Remembrance Event.

6. January 2023 Retreat, 6 month review

Davis invited committee members to review the work planned for the year at the January retreat. Discussion was saved until the next meeting. It was recommended we choose a planning retreat date for next year soon.

- 7. Member announcements: Darrilyn Franklin announced that ACRP will receive an award at the Alexandria NAACP annual Gala on October 21, 2023.
- 8. Public comment: Paul Glist said that he found the meeting very helpful to keep up with ACRP and he also offered to host a scholarship fundraising dinner.

Next Meeting: September 5, 2023 from 5 to 6 p.m. (First Tuesday of every month) at the Alexandria Black History Museum