

Commemorative Commission to Honor the Contributions of Virginia's Women
June 20, 2018 – 10:30 AM – Senate Room 2
Virginia State Capitol, Richmond, Virginia

Meeting Notes

Members in attendance:

Senator Mary Margaret Whipple, Susan C. Schaar, Nancy Rodrigues, Dr. Sandra Treadway, Senator Ryan T. McDougle Speaker Kirk Cox, Paul Nardo, Lissy S. Bryan, Lisa Hicks-Thomas, E.J. Scott and Colleen Messick

On June 20, 2018 at 10:30 AM the Commemorative Commission to Honor the Contributions of the Women of Virginia met. Senator Whipple called the meeting to order. In addition to Senator Whipple, Susan C. Schaar, Nancy Rodrigues, Dr. Sandra Treadway, Senator Ryan T. McDougle Speaker Kirk Cox, Paul Nardo, Lissy S. Bryan, Lisa Hicks-Thomas, E.J. Scott and Colleen Messick were in attendance. The meeting began a presentation from Ivan Schwartz of Studio EIS on the recent photo shoot and future placement of the bronze sculptures. In his PowerPoint, Ivan discussed how the photo shoot was designed to give the basis for the attitude of the twelve women's poses. These "attitudes" were depicted in three different poses and placed in a workbook that was mailed to the members ahead of the meeting along with a vote sheet to choose their favorites. A substantial part of the meeting was spent sharing member comments on the preferred poses. Ivan went on to say that the final placement of the statues on the Plaza is not a critical factor right now and Studio EIS will be coming back in six weeks with 3D bronze statues to place in the model. A second, bigger 3D model will be created to 'play' and move around.

Holly Eve, of the Department of General Services and agent to represent the Commission at the contract negotiations between the Attorney General's office and the contract with Daniel

and Co., gave an update on the contract(s) for casting, transport and storage of the statues as well as the progress of the Plaza construction (see file). This covered:

- glass samples
- granite samples
- signage for the fence screening to describe the project under construction
- sundial registration/design update
- sculpture agreement status, schedule and cost estimates

The initial contract needs to be created and then subsequent addendums would be added with a payment plan. Elliot Schwartz, also of Studio EIS, expressed some of his concerns to the committee regarding timeline of the project. One issue is how many statues will be commissioned at one time and when. Studio EIS needs this information as soon as possible so that they can create a production schedule and set a price with the offsite foundries. Right now Studio EIS is looking at sixteen months to produce all twelve statues. Once they are completed the statues would be shipped and stored in Richmond. Elliot expressed that they need to be at work on one or more statues by August 1st of this year and ideally would like to start on four.

Senator Whipple then went on to nominate current Secretary of Administration, Keyanna Conner, to the Executive Committee. Susan Schaar seconded the motion which was approved by the Commission. Susan then gave an update on the 2018 legislation and Budget regarding the Monument. The Virginia General Assembly agreed to give the Women's Monument \$500,000 spread out into two payments, \$250,000 this year and \$250,000 in 2019. They also amended the language of the resolution to establish who is heading the dedication of the Women's Monument Commission: Clerks of the House and Senate, the Secretary of Administration and the Executive Committee of the Women's Monument.

Colleen Messick, Executive Director of the Virginia Capitol Foundation, introduced Sara Hunt, who has entered into an agreement with the Foundation and Commission to handle all Public Relations regarding the Women's Monument through 2019 (see file). Colleen then gave a fundraising report (see file) highlighting:

- total raised date = \$2.9 million, and
- total cash on hand = \$1.1 million

She also mentioned the need to know the expenses coming ahead due to the two different types of restricted funds, money restricted to the statues and money for paying Daniel & Co.. Colleen announced that the Foundation will be working with former First Lady of Virginia and Foundation Board Member, Susan Allen, on a behind the scenes tour and luncheon at Mount Vernon. Senator Whipple and Maggie Hager will also host. Mrs. Allen plans to reach out to other former First Ladies to attend the event as well.

Jonas Courey updated the Commission on recent and upcoming fundraising events highlighting the need to follow up with guests who have donating potential. He plans to send a letter from former First Lady of Virginia Dorothy McAuliffe to guests who attend the donor events. Members will review the letter and respond to Jonas by the end of the week with any comments or concerns.

Sandy Treadway moved that the Women's Monument Commission authorize contracting StudioEIS to produce the first four statues, specifically: Cockacoeske, Anne Burras Laydon, Virginia E. Randolph and Adèle Clark. Senator Whipple seconded the motion. The motion was approved 11-0.

Senator Whipple moved that the Women's Monument Commission adjourn and that the Executive Committee convene in closed session to discuss matters pursuant to Section 2.2-3711

of the Code of Virginia pertaining to personnel and contract matters. Susan Schaar and Sandy Treadway seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0.

Senator Whipple moved that the Executive Committee end the closed session which was called to discuss matters pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia pertaining to personnel and contract matters. Susan Schaar and Sandy Treadway seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0. Senator Whipple moved that the Executive Committee end the closed session and reconvene an open meeting, and clarify that only those matters permitted under Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia pertaining to personnel and contract matters were discussed by the committee in executive session. Susan Schaar and Sandy Treadway seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0.

Senator Whipple moved for the Executive Committee of the Women's Monument Commission to authorize and allocate up to \$50,000 for the Capitol Square Foundation for the Women's Monument Campaign including: part time staff for the Virginia Capitol Foundation, funding for wealth management, technology expenses for E-Tapestry Software, \$5,000 bonus for Collen Messick and incidental fundraising. Susan Schaar seconded the motion. Senator Whipple called for a vote to approve the motion. The motion was approved 3-0.

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