

Women's Monument Commission – 2/17/14

Start: 2:10PM

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Mary Easterly

Susan Schaar

Em Bowles Alsop

Sen. Vogel

Alice Lynch

Kathleen Kilpatrick

Sen. Mary Margaret Whipple

Nancy Rodrigues

Dr. Sandra Treadway

Delegate Massie

Paul Nardo

Sen. Edwards

Jacqueline Hedblom

The Honorable Nancy Rodrigues read a letter from Governor Terry McAuliffe dated 2/17/14, which designated Nancy Rodrigues as his proxy and named Sen. Mary Margaret Whipple as Vice Chairman of the Commission. Copies of this letter were distributed to the Commission.

1) The Honorable Margaret Whipple thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The first item on the agenda was to approve the contract by adopting a resolution.

Steve Owens Chief of Real Estate Land Use - Attorney General's office spoke to the Contract:

He mainly discussed phase 1, (the contract) and phase 2.

Phase 1 (Contract) – Where we are now:

-Mr. Owens explained that phase 1 provides the design for plaza part, the different figures and the history behind the monument. According to the contract preamble, Phase 1 “is a pre-implementation discovery and documentation phase to develop and define the details of the winning design for the Project.” Mr. Owens explained that from phase 1 the Commission will be able to use the blue prints to fundraise because they are demonstrative.

-Mr. Owens discussed the ownership issues in the contract and explained that the Commission owns the design and in the case of a disagreement there is an option to buy out. Transfer of ownership to the Commonwealth occurs in 14 days should there be a buy out or something else unforeseen occur (incapacitation of the designers at Studio EIS or the 1717 Design Group).

-Mr. Owens then touched briefly on the other boilerplate terms in the contract, including the allowance of written modifications, hourly rates, overtime, confidentiality and anti-discrimination

Phase 2 – Final design and implementation:

Mr. Owens briefly mentioned Phase 2 and said it was the next step for this project.

Mr. Owens' presentation was followed by questions:

-Sen. Edwards asked Mr. Owens: Once installation is complete do we have ownership?

Mr. Owens: Yes

-Jacqueline Hedblom asked Mr. Owens about termination privileges and their mutuality. Mr. Owens explained that they cannot terminate the contract

-Sen. Whipple announced that there are copies of the contract available for members of the Commission who wish to look it over.

-Ms. Kathleen Kilpatrick raised the concern that much has been completed under phase 1 but not the book (for final designs). She asked Mr. Owens if the Commission still had the ability to approve this part of the contract. Mr. Owens said yes.

Del. Massie moved to adopt the resolution approving the contract. It was seconded and approved by voice vote of the Commission.

2) Fundraising was the next item on the agenda. Sen. Whipple asked for volunteers who would like to be on a smaller fundraising committee of which the makeup will be Commission and Non-Commission members. This committee will work closely with the Capitol Foundation on the fundraising aspect of this project.

-Mrs. Alice Lynch mentioned utilizing the Monument Group for fundraising.

3) Sen. Whipple suggested that the next meeting of the Commission will ideally be an Executive Committee meeting in March 2014, followed by a meeting of the entire Commission in April 2014. She recommended this be the consistent meeting pattern in the future to keep progress. Sen. Whipple said some dates for availability would be floated by clerks in the future.

Susan Schaar introduced Sen. Edwards as the Chairman of the Rules Committee and Kathleen Kilpatrick as the Executive Director of Virginia's Capitol Square Preservation Council to the Commission. They are new to the Commission.

Sen. Whipple asked if anyone in the public wished to make a comment. There were no comments.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:35