

Women of Virginia
Commemorative Commission
Executive Board
September 30, 2013

Minutes

Members in Attendance:

Secretary Lisa Hicks-Thomas
EmBowles Alsop

Susan Schaar
Senator Mary Margaret Whipple

Others in Attendance:

Alice Lynch
Philip Ucci
Ivan Schwartz

Sandra Treadway
John Crank

The meeting was called to order and greetings were extended by Secretary Lisa Hicks-Thomas. An open discussion was then held by Studio EIS and the 1717 Design Group. During the discussion the team presented deliverables one and two to the Commission. The presentation included a layout of the schematic design objectives for the Monument and schedule through December. Members of the Executive Board also received a handout including key pages of the PowerPoint presentation, a discussion of drainage issues, utilities, obstructions to the Monument, granite sources, maintenance matters, accessibility, site drawings from DGS, issues of light, water and soil conditions, and design details. The team stated that they will need an engineer for some details involved with the sundial. A discussion was also held on whether the shrubs should be removed or a bas-relief should be used. The team also stated that they will need the list of the names of women to be named and featured on the Monument by the end of December.

The meeting then moved into the discussion of new and continuing items of business. Alice Lynch announced the Commission had received an increasing number of gifts since the last meeting. Members then discussed the proposed design change of adding a taller element to the Monument. A vote was taken on the proposed addition, at which there was no motion to adopt the design changes, and therefore the submission failed. During public comment Terry Warthen stated the Founding Committee could lend a hand in picking names for women to be included in the Monument.

The Executive Board then agreed to find a date for the next Executive Board meeting and to poll for a date for the next full Commission meeting at which a list of potential names of women to be represented on the Monument will be ready for members to vote on. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.