

Women of Virginia
Commemorative Commission
November 26, 2013

Minutes

Members in Attendance:

Senator Whipple	Alice Lynch
Jacqueline Hedblom	Dr. Treadway
Paul Nardo	Lissy Bryan
Delegate Massie	Lisa Hicks-Thomas
Senator McDougle	Em Bowles Alsop
Susan Schaar	Mary Easterly
Kitty Claiborne	

Secretary Lisa Hicks-Thomas called the meeting to order and introduced Commission members. The Commission voted to adopt the minutes from their last meeting held on July 30, 2013.

Secretary Hicks-Thomas then presented the full Commission with a report of the past two meetings of the Executive Committee. The Commission received the list of potential women to be featured in bronze as submitted to the Executive Committee by Dr. Treadway on October 21, 2013. Commission members also received copies of the shorter list presented to the Executive Committee by Dr. Treadway on November 8, 2013. Lastly, Commission members were presented with a matrix of the final 12 women that the Executive Committee voted to recommend to the full Commission. Members of the Commission also heard an explanation of the process taken by the Executive Committee to reach the final list. Dr. Treadway then gave a brief presentation of the biographies of the 12 women picked by the Executive Committee. Mary Margaret Whipple moved to adopt the list of women selected by the Executive Committee. The motion was seconded by Susan Schaar.

Following the motion, Commission members held a discussion of other potential names that were not on the list compiled by the Executive Committee. A member of the public, Lynette Louise Alston, presented the Commission with the names and biographical information of four women from the Native American community to potentially be represented on the Monument. The names included Cockacoeske (17th century), Queen of the Wine Oaks (17th century), Queen Anne (18th century), and Edy Turner (19th century). After the discussion, Senator McDougle moved to amend the previous motion to adopt the original list of 12 names by removing Mary Draper Ingles and replacing her with Cockacoeske. Delegate Massie seconded the motion.

Members of the Commission discussed the motion and the contributions made to Virginia history by Mary Draper Ingles. Senator McDougle then withdrew his motion to replace Mary Ingles Drager with Cockacoeske and made a new motion to replace Mary Johnston with

Cockacoeske. Delegate Massie seconded the motion. The motion passed with seven votes in favor (Senator McDougle, Delegate Massie, Senator Whipple, Susan Schaar, Paul Nardo, Kitty Claiborne and Secretary Hicks-Thomas) and four votes in opposition (Em Bowles Alsop, Mary Easterly, Jacqueline Hedblom and Lissy Bryan).

Em Bowles Alsop made a motion to add Pocahontas to the list of women. Mary Easterly seconded the motion. The motion failed with nine votes in opposition (Senator McDougle, Delegate Massie, Lissy Bryan, Kitty Claiborne, Senator Whipple, Jacqueline Hedblom, Paul Nardo, Susan Schaar and Secretary Hicks-Thomas) and two votes in favor (Mary Easterly and Em Bowles Alsop).

Delegate Massie then moved to adopt the amended list of women to be featured as bronze figures, including Cockacoeske. Secretary Hicks-Thomas seconded the motion. Following the motion, the Commission heard public comment by Francis Crutchfield, speaking on behalf of the Pamunkey people and the Inter Women's Tribal Council, who stated her belief that the Virginia Native American community would be ok with Cockacoeske as a representation on the Monument. Ms. Schaar added she hoped the Commission would consider adding additional figures once the original funds had been raised, if approved by the Commission, to represent Virginia women in politics, athletics, and music.

The Commission voted on Delegate Massie's motion to adopt the amended list with nine votes in favor (Senator McDougle, Delegate Massie, Lissy Bryan, Kitty Claiborne, Senator Whipple, Jacqueline Hedblom, Susan Schaar, Paul Nardo, and Secretary Hicks-Thomas) and two votes in opposition (Mary Easterly and Em Bowles Alsop). Secretary Hicks-Thomas noted that she will pass along the final list of names to the artist.

Alice Lynch then presented the Commission with a fundraising report. Ms Lynch noted that the Capitol Foundation has a strong candidate for providing fundraising council and that the Commission had received a donation of \$100,000 from the Mary Morton Parsons Foundation, which included a matching component. Secretary Hicks-Thomas requested that the new finance council attend the next meeting of the full Commission to present their fundraising strategy. Ms. Lynch agreed. A final announcement was made that beginning December 1, 2013, Kathleen Kilpatrick will join the Commission as the new Executive Director of the Capitol Square Preservation Council, as directed by the resolution. The Commission then thanked chair Secretary Hicks-Thomas for her hard work and dedication to the Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.