

STONE MOUNTAIN MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION
DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEES MEETING
January 24, 2011

A joint meeting of the Development and Finance Committees of the Stone Mountain Memorial Association was held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, January 24, 2011, at Evergreen Conference Center, Stone Mountain Park.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Brent Brown
Greer Johnson, Vice Chairman
Mike Pentecost

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Mark Baxter, SMMA Chairman
Carolyn Meadows
Joan Thomas

MEMBERS ABSENT

Bill Chappell (deceased January 6, 2011)
Mark Williams, Commissioner Department of Natural Resources
Ray S. Smith III, Chairman Development Committee

OTHERS PRESENT

Curtis Branscome, C.E.O.
Bob Cowhig, Director of Planning and Construction
Gail Durham, Director of Finance and Secretary

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order. Mr. Baxter expressed sympathy for the Chappell family recognizing the death of SMMA Board member Bill Chappell on January 6, 2011. Mr. Branscome said that he was a “prince” among men and would be missed by our organization. It was proposed that the SMMA staff work on implementation of some type of memorial in the Park for Mr. Chappell. Mr. Branscome and the staff will pursue options to present at a later date for Board consideration.

Consideration of District Designation for Newly Acquired Property

Mr. Branscome explained that the Park is divided into four districts: “Park Center”, “Events”, “Resort and Recreation” and “Natural.” He referred to an aerial map of the Park and reviewed the five properties that have been acquired in recent years. These properties have never been assigned to a district. Mr. Branscome recommends that four of these properties be placed in the “Natural” district and the fifth (Forrest Hills Baptist Church property) be placed in an additional “Events” district. This would create a new Events district for Stone Mountain Memorial Association and allow future options for the property.

After discussion, the committees agreed to recommend the districts recommended by Mr. Branscome be presented to the full Board for approval.

Director of Administration Position

Mr. Branscome recommended reinstatement of "Director of Administration" position and increase the 2011 "labor" budget by \$80,000. The position was discussed and Mr. Baxter appointed a Personnel Committee and assigned Greer Johnson (Chair), Joan Thomas, and Mike Pentecost to further study personnel matters.

After further discussion about the proposed position, Joan Thomas moved to reinstate the Director of Administration position, Mike Pentecost seconded the motion and it was agreed by the committee to recommend approval of the staff position to the full Board.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Notes taken by
Gail Durham, Secretary

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