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MEMORIALIZATION COMMITTEE

Minutes

Date: 11/17/2020

Time: 6:00 PM-7:30 PM

City Staff: Jesse Moos (JM)

In attendance: Steph Aman (SA), Ellenor Barish (EB), Kerri Connolly (KC), David Guss (DG), Robert LaPointe (RL), Sara Marx (SM), Will Mbah (WM), Mary Jo Rossetti (MJR).

Agenda:

Meeting was called to order at 6PM

October minutes were unanimously approved.

Discussion of the purpose and procedures of the Memorialization Committee:

KC presented the draft spreadsheet she had been working on with potential nominees, as well as streets, building, parks etc. The MC then had a conversation about how to get a nominee off of the draft list and on to an approved master list.

EB motioned to create a master list of nominees that the MC has already researched, discussed and approved, the presenter will also be responsible to research the nominee and present to the committee. unanimously approved.

EB motioned to establish a process where members of the Memorialization Committee or Somerville community may submit via city form (to be named later) documentation and information that demonstrates that the individual to be considered meets the criteria of Ordinance Sec 2-309.14 (sec D) to be reviewed by the Memorialization Committee in a timely manner. unanimously approved.

A discussion was continued about how to best present nominees to the MC, JM is going to work with the City's WebMaster to create a jotform application for the community to submit names, but currently the email address memorial@somervillema.gov is the preferred way. JM will collect all names submitted to him through the email/website and share with the MC weekly.





A discussion on double honoring a nominee took place; with a question on if the MC should name something after someone who has already been recognized in a similar way, but maybe with a smaller plaque in a school versus a park or building. SA pointed that Deanna Cremin has both a corner (Jaques Street at Temple Street) and a park named after her. No vote was taken on policy; discussion will be taken up again at subsequent meetings.

WM lead a discussion on his belief that the MC has a duty to honor people who have passed away unfortunately, discussion will be taken up again at subsequent meetings.

KC was elected Chair Person, unanimously approved.

Additions to the Approved Master List

MJR presented Joe Mackey to be added to the Master List, unanimously approved.

WM presented Jean Parker to be added to the Master List, unanimously approved.

KC presented Isobel Cheney to be added to the Master List, unanimously approved.

KC presented Barbara Gilpen to be added to the Master List, unanimously approved.

DG presented Martha Perry Lowe to be added to the Master List, unanimously approved.

JM presented Annie Johnson to be added to the Master List, unanimously approved.

EB presented Leah Zallman to be added to the Master List, no vote was taken.

Assets to be named:

Discussion of naming a park at 1060 Broadway. JM proposed the naming of a new park at 1060 Broadway to be named after former State Rep Mary Fantasia. Item was not discussed, to be discussed at subsequent meeting.

Discussion of naming a new street outside of Boynton Yards between Windsor Street and Earle Street. JM proposed naming this new street after the inventor of Fluff, Archibald Query Item was not discussed, to be discussed at subsequent meeting.

Adjourned at 7:30 PM

Next meeting date: Tuesday December 8th at 6PM.

