



**Greenlink Operations & Maintenance Facility
Washington High School Memorial Steering Committee Meeting
MEETING MINUTES
July 15, 2021**

**Washington High School Memorial Steering Committee Meeting
07.15.2021 5:30 pm
MPS Office**

Attendees:

- Linda Mayes, Sylvia Brown, Concheettia R. Russell and Charles Gardner, Sylvia Cureton Brown, Kathleen Brooks, Abby Collins, Thelma Bailey– Washington High School Memorial Steering Committee
- Anne Maguire, Lisa Lanni – McMillan Pazdan Smith
- James Keel, Nicole McAden, Addy Matney - Greenlink

The following items were discussed:

1. WHS Steering Committee gave the following update:
 - a. Met with Chandra Dillard who was part of committee on Sterling Memorial on Main Street and agreed to be part of the committee; her enthusiasm and support was beneficial
 - b. One suggestion from Chanda – recruit support Community Foundation to help fundraising support and assistance
 - c. Another suggestion from Chandra – idea of stipend for solicitation for artists, the commission itself should be motivation enough, use stipend for administrative services instead (e.g. fundraising brochures)
 - d. Chandra explained the process for Sterling monument:
 - i. Gather history for RFP so artists understand the spirit of the memorial
 - ii. Identified artists and submitted to those artists the request to make presentations
 - iii. Met with artists and reviewed the history and RFP requirements
 - iv. Identified cost before starting fundraising – first went to Sterling alumni (much larger alumni group than WHS)
 - v. Total cost of sculpture and installation \$167,000
 - vi. Challenges - came as a request from Greenville City Council not from the Sterling alumni (reverse of this project)
 - e. Consider using the same pool for artists that were interested in Sterling
 - f. Veronica looked up list of artists in state of SC
 - g. Call for artists or go to specific pool of 10

- h. Budgeting process – may want to wait until after artists submit
 - i. Sterling fundraising took more than 1 year
- 2. Discussed generating news event and enthusiasm around this event – article or series of articles – how we can use this in a positive way to demonstrate being support of each other.
- 3. Charles has commitment from Mayor White to helping with fund raising
- 4. Charles has commitment from David Mitchell to participate too.
- 5. Charles gave history but WHS steering committee needs to do some fact checking
- 6. Charles asked committee to continue to build on history from interviewing other alumni and past teachers
- 7. Charles distributed SC General Assembly Resolution (re:Happy Hearts Community Center.)
- 8. James shared that consultant New South Associates has recommended to State Historic Preservation Organization (SHPO) that New Washington Heights be designated as a Historic District. This determination will be made by SHPO.
- 9. Administrative costs for reaching out to artists – discussed possible need for seed money for fundraising. This might not be necessary with social media and internet. Agreed to discuss in future.
- 10. Shared copy of City of Mauldin's RFP (*gave hard copy to Charles and subsequently sent electronic copy to Charles, Sylvia, and Veronica*)

11. Action Items:

- a. Chandra Dillard will get video that were previously recorded by Furman.**
 - b. WHS Steering Committee to proof and fact check the WHS History that will be shared with artists.**
 - c. WHS Steering Committee to take first pass of RFP draft.**
- End of Minutes -