

**Sugar Hill Historic Preservation Society Meeting
Wednesday, March 15, 2023, 7:00 PM
City of Sugar Hill City Hall
Meeting Minutes**

Approval of the Agenda and Meeting Minutes

Kathryn Baskin, chairman, convened the meeting at 7:01 PM and welcomed everyone. She called for a motion to approve the agenda and meeting minutes from January 18, 2023. Darrel Pruitt made a motion to approve the agenda. Stephanie Issacs seconded the motion. The agenda and minutes were approved unanimously.

The following members, volunteers, and guests were in attendance:

NAME	TITLE
Kathryn Baskin*	Board Member/Chairman
Donna Bowlick	Volunteer
Gary Bowlick	Guest
Joann Burel	Board Member/Treasurer
Varessa Butts	Board Member
Bill Harting	Board Member
Lindsay Davis*	Board Member
Stephanie Isaacs*	Board Member/Vice Chairman
Kim Landers	City Liaison
Margaret Neal *	Board Member
Darrell Pruitt	Board Member
Steve Samples	Board Member
Alexis Torres	Secretary

The following members were absent:

Kathy Harting	Volunteer
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Treasurer's Report and Approval

Joann Burel went over the treasurer's report and changes. Burel shared that SHHPS has \$10,000 left from the budget since no budget money has been utilize. Steve Samples motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Margaret Neal seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Expenditures for Approval

Kathryn Baskin indicated she had two expenditures that needed a motion for approval. The expenditures included materials used during the Gregory Bailey presentation and a \$100 donation to Salem Church. Baskin called for a motion to approve the expenditures totaling \$200. Steve Samples motioned to approve the two expenditures. Joann Burel seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Committee Spotlight – Digital Archives Committee

Margaret Neal indicates that one year prior the Digital Archives Committee applied for a DLG grant and a GHRAC grant. Neal shares what the Digital Archives Committee has accomplished with the grants, including digitizing the Sugar Hill city council meeting minutes.

Kim Landers presented a preview of the website with the digital archives. Landers indicated that she asked Lindsay Davis and Varessa Butts to help design the website. Landers also shared that she would give access to the website to Davis and Butts. Landers also indicated only the city council meeting minute books are published to the public.

Baskin indicated she will reach out to Victoria Richburg to apply for more grants.

Scholarship Committee Update

Lindsay Davis indicated that the Scholarship Night is on March 16, 2023. Baskin indicated she will bring water to the scholarship night. Davis indicated she will have everything set-up before the event. Davis indicated the scholarship is due April 10, 2023. Davis also indicated the winner will be announced by April 26, 2023.

Communications Committee Update

Varessa Butts indicated that the Communications Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 21, 2023.

Baskin indicated that she would like a QR code on the SHHPS table for the Gold Mine Park Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony. Alexis Torres indicated she will provide Fool's Gold to be placed on the SHHPS table. Torres indicated that the Gold Mine Park Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony starts at 5:30 p.m. Bill Harting and Margaret Neal indicated they would work the Sluice Box during the event.

Museum/Research Committee Update

Kathryn Baskin shared that Oliver Brim is the new museum staff. Baskin indicated that the museum will be staffed from Thursday – Friday from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Baskin also indicated that volunteers would staff the museum on weekends. Baskin shared the hours for the museum on the weekends are Saturday – Sunday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Torres indicated an extra museum shift will be added on weekends.

Baskin indicated that she and Stephanie Isaacs met to discuss future museum exhibits. Baskin also shared that Dr. Panther from Mercer University reached out to her about potentially hosting a summer camp for the youth in the museum history room during the week of June 5. Baskin shared that they would potentially meet with Avery Simmons or Oliver Brim on April 7 to discuss the summer camp.

Baskin shared that the Gold Mining Exhibit will stay up through April. Baskin also shared that Broad Street Band member, Jeff Cutchins, reached out to her about potentially covering the history of Players Guild and Broad Street Band for the next museum exhibit.

Stephanie Issacs also indicated that the Sugar Hill History Museum will display three exhibits per year.

Cemetery Committee Update

Stephanie Isaacs indicated that the next donation stone should arrive within the next month. Isaacs shared that Mayor Brandon Hembree would like to unveil the stone, but details will come out later.

Stephanie Issacs indicated that the main road is almost done. Issacs also indicated that the Cemetery clean-up will take place on Saturday, May 20, 2023. Issacs also shared that Buford Church of Christ will volunteer during that event.

Issacs indicated that the Memorial Day flags would be placed on May 27, 2023. Donna Bowlick indicated that she would like to invite the Suwannee Creek Chapter, NSDAR to volunteer.

New Business

Kathryn Baskin indicated that she would like everyone to think of potential speakers to invite to the speaker series. Baskin indicated she would like Brian Boggs to speak during one of the speaker series events.

Other Upcoming Events, Announcements, and Comments

Kathryn Baskin indicated that Sugar Hill's 84th Birthday will be celebrated on March 24, 2023, at Cornerstone park.

Baskin also indicated that the Suwannee Creek Chapter, NSDAR donated a large number of books to the Sugar Hill History Museum. Baskin indicated the books need to be logged in and organized.

Stephanie Issacs indicated that she is reaching out to the Welcome Summer: Sugar Hill Church Español for SHHPS to participate in that event.

Meeting Adjournment

There was no further business. Bill Harting made a motion to adjourn. Darrel Pruitt seconded the motion. Kathryn Baskin adjourned the meeting at 8:04 PM.

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