

**Alexandria Community Remembrance Project
Steering Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

5 – 6 pm

Alexandria Black History Museum
902 Wythe Street, Alexandria, 22314

Meeting Notes

Present: Audrey Davis, Rose Dawson, Mark Farcus, Darrlyn Franklin, McArthur Myers, David Spinrad, Tiffany Pache.

On Phone: Sarah Whelan

Members of the public: Paul Glist, Charlotte Scherer

1. Davis called the meeting to Order at 5:02 p.m.
2. Davis provided a summary of the Fall ACRP Meeting with guest speakers Loki and Joan Mulholland.
3. Pache provided an update on the Nov. 4, and Nov. 11 fundraising initiative for scholarships honoring Joseph McCoy and Benjamin Thomas.

Information is on the website, went out in This Week (OHA Publication); a letter will go out to pilgrimage participants on Wednesday and the ACRP mailing list the next day. The committee then engaged in a discussion over what criteria to include for each scholarship. Final decisions will be made over a google document that is being shared after the meeting so that all committee members have an opportunity to weigh in on the subject.

4. Pache provided an update on the ACPS Remembrance Students. They held their second meeting at the end of September and are considering several

well researched options for a spring trip that they will plan and execute to regional social justice sites.

5. Rabbi Spinrad provided an update on the EJI Markers. The Marker Committee will meet this month to determine text for the markers. This will be submitted to EJI with a package of information on ACRP by the end of the calendar year. It is expected to take up to six months to fabricate two markers. The committee is also expected to plan an unveiling event.
6. Davis provided an update on the documentary. The contractor is finishing up an initial round of interviews. Davis plans to ensure the contractor knows we do not have a deadline for the work. The steering committee felt next Sept. 22, 2024 might be a good date to debut it if it is done as that date belongs to both McCoy and Thomas.
7. The best date for a Steering Committee retreat is Jan. 4, 2024.

All steering committee members were asked to complete a doodle poll to determine the November meeting date as the first Tuesday falls on election day.

Members of the public were given an opportunity to speak:

1. Paul Glist recommended that if we decide to go with fields of interest for students applying for the scholarships to consider public policy and economic and finance. He also said a general demonstrated interest in social justice and equity would be good criteria.

2. Charlotte Scherer added Physics and Biology to the list for anyone competing for the four year higher education degree because science is the highest form of truth seeking.

Adjournment was at 6:10.