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HISTORIC SITE & MONUMENT COMMISSION

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Arthur A. Mendonsa Hearing Room  
April 2, 2015 4:00 p.m.  
Meeting Minutes

**APRIL 2, 2015 HISTORIC SITE AND MONUMENT COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

**HDRB Members Present:** Eli Karatassos, Chair  
Walt Harper, Secretary  
Thomas Gensheimer  
Kristopher Monroe

**HSMC Members Not Present:** Ryan Madson  
Giselle Rahn

**MPC Staff Present:** Ellen Harris, Director of Urban Planning and Historic Preservation  
Sara Farr, Historic Preservation Planner  
Mary E. Mitchell, Administrative Assistant

**I. Call to Order and Welcome**

1. [Order and Welcome](#)

**Mr. Karatassos** called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance. He outlined the purpose and role of the Historic Site and Monument Commission.

**II. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

2. [Approve March 5, 2015 Meeting Minutes](#)

Attachment: [March 5, 2015 Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

**Board Action:**

The Savannah-Chatham County Historic Site and  
Monument Commission does hereby approve the - PASS

Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2015.

**Vote Results**

Motion: Walt Harper

Second: Kristopher Monroe

Thomas Gensheimer - Aye

Walt Harper - Aye

Eli Karatassos - Aye

Ryan Madson - Not Present

Kristopher Monroe - Aye

Giselle Rahn - Not Present

3. [Approve Meeting Minutes of April 2, 2015](#)

**III. Regular Agenda**

4. [Petition of Pam Miller for the Kensington Park Community Association | 15-000355-HM | Kensington Park | Marker](#)

Attachment: [Staff Recommendation.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Site.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Proposed Sign.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Location map.pdf](#)

**Ms. Pam Miller**, President of the Kensington Park Community Association, was present on behalf of the petition.

**Ms. Sara Farr** gave the staff report. The petitioner is requesting to erect a 24 inch by 36 inch marker in the median at the main entrance to Kensington Park at the corner of Oxford/Kensington and Althea. The marker will read "Historic Kensington Park Est. 1952." The petition was reviewed by the HSMC on March 5, 2015. The petition was continued to allow for the petitioner to provide the following information: justification for the new signs due to the existing plaques on the brick piers, details for the mounting of the signs and the durability of the sign materials. The application was revised as follows: removal of the smaller signs located on the brick piers and specifying that the sign will be constructed of etched wood instead of a flat painted surface and that it will be mounted 2 feet off the ground with wood posts embedded in the ground.

**Ms. Farr** reported that staff recommends approval to City Council for a sign in the median at the main entrance to Kensington Park at the corner of oxford/Kensington and Althea with the following condition that the applicant obtains an encroachment license, because otherwise the proposed project meets the standards in the Master Plan and Guidelines for Markers, Monuments, and Public Art.

**BOARD DISCUSSION/PETITIONER PRESENTATION**

The Savannah-Chatham County Historic Site and Monument Commission did not take action on this petition. The Commission's discussion centered on the different places

to possibly install the marker as a marker is presently located where the petitioner is proposing to place the requested marker.

The petitioner said they will look into other places where the marker could possibly be relocated.

#### **IV. Other Business**

##### 5. Commissioner Items

**Mr. Harper** asked staff if Doug Andrews submitted the information for the putting the plaques in the walkways.

**Ms. Harris** answered that the information has not been submitted.

**Ms. Harris** informed the HSMC that approximately 10 years ago, a petition was submitted to City Council requested that a recording of a song be placed at the Waving Girl statue which gives information about the Waving Girl. This requested was denied twice by City Council. She has been made aware that the request has been made again.

**Mr. Harper** stated that the request came before the Park and Tree Commission also and they denied the request also as they did not want to set a precedence for devices such as this.

#### **V. Adjournment**

##### 6. Adjourned

There being no further business to come before the HSMC, Mr. Karatassos adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Harris  
Director of Urban Planning and Historic Preservation

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*which are adopted by the respective Board. Verbatim transcripts of minutes are the responsibility of the interested party.*