



## Savannah - Chatham County Historic Site & Monument Commission

Arthur A. Mendonsa Hearing Room - 112 East State Street  
March 2, 2023 4:00 PM  
MINUTES

### March 2, 2023 Historic Sites and Monuments Commission Meeting

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kristopher Monroe, Chair  
Lisa Watson, Secretary  
Catherine Kostilnik  
Eileen Baker  
Sean Mannion

**MEMBER ABSENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:** Pamela Everett, Assistant Director  
Leah G. Michalak, Director of Historic Preservation  
Caitlin Chamberlain, Senior Planner  
Bri Morgan, Administrative Assistant  
Warren Durrer, Administrative Assistant

**I. Call to Order and Welcome**

**II. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

[1. Approve February 2, 2023 HSMC Meeting Minutes](#)

**Motion**

Approve February 2, 2023 HSMC Meeting Minutes as presented.

**Vote Results ( Approved )**

Motion: Sean Mannion

Second: Eileen Baker

Kristopher Monroe - Abstain

Sean Mannion - Aye

Lisa D. Watson - Aye

Eileen Baker - Aye

Ashley Rainge - Not Present

Catherine D. Kostilnik, PhD - Aye

**III. Regular Agenda**

**IV. Other Business**[2. Nominating Committee to Discuss Nominations for Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary](#)

The nominated Chair, Ms. Ashley Rainge, resigned from the Commission.

There is now an open seat on the Historic Site and Monument Commission.

The Commission nominated members for the positions to be voted on in the May HSMC meeting.

**Motion**

The HSMC motioned to nominate Mr. Kristopher Monroe as Chair, Ms. Lisa Watson as Vice Chair, and Ms. Catherine Kolstilnik as Secretary.

**Vote Results ( Approved )**

Motion: Sean Mannion

Second: Eileen Baker

Kristopher Monroe	- Abstain
Sean Mannion	- Aye
Lisa D. Watson	- Aye
Eileen Baker	- Aye
Ashley Rainge	- Not Present
Catherine D. Kostilnik, PhD	- Aye

[3. Technical Advisory Committee Discussion Regarding an Upcoming Application](#)

**Ms. Caitlin Chamberlain** stated the need to reinstate the committee as applications needing its advisement will be received.

**Mr. Mannion** asked is controversy anticipated. **Ms. Chamberlain** stated that it is primarily for adherence to the monument process, not necessarily for controversial petitions.

**Mr. Monroe** asked how the members are selected and is this a necessary committee. **Ms. Everett** stated the bylaws state "there shall have a standing technical advisory committee and shall provide a technical review of a proposed monument or work of art. . ." **Mr. Mannion** stated it would be good to enlist their services because of the proposed monument fountain in Kavanaugh Park. **Mr. Monroe** stated concern of having the required directors that form the committee to meet at one time.

**Motion**

The HSMC motioned to activate the Technical Advisory Committee prior to the submission for a monument fountain in Kavanaugh Park.

**Vote Results ( Approved )**

Motion: Sean Mannion

Second: Catherine D. Kostilnik, PhD

Kristopher Monroe	- Abstain
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Sean Mannion	- Aye
Lisa D. Watson	- Aye
Eileen Baker	- Aye
Ashley Rainge	- Not Present
Catherine D. Kostilnik, PhD	- Aye

## V. Adjournment

[4. Next Meeting: April 6, 2023 at 4 PM- 112 East State Street: Mendonsa Hearing Room](#)

### [5. Adjourn](#)

There being no further business to present before the Commission, the March 2, 2023 Historic Site and Monument Commission Meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leah G. Michalak  
Director of Historic Preservation

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