

STONE MOUNTAIN MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION
June 17, 2014

A meeting of the Stone Mountain Memorial Association was held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 17, 2014, at Evergreen Conference Center, Stone Mountain Park, Stone Mountain, Georgia.

ASSOCIATION MEMBERS PRESENT

Carolyn Meadows, Chairman
Dick Childers
Ray Smith III
Joan Thomas
Perry Tindol
Mark Williams, Commissioner Department of Natural Resources

ASSOCIATION MEMBERS ABSENT

Greer Johnson, Vice Chairman
Scott Johnson
Becky Kelley, Director State Parks & Historic Sites
Roy Roberts

OTHERS PRESENT

Bob Cowhig, Director of Planning and Development
Chief Chuck Kelley, Director of Public Safety
Duane Studdard, Administration Manager
Other SMMA staff
Gerald Rakestraw, HFEC, VP Silver Dollar City/Stone Mountain Park

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Meadows, SMMA Chairman, called the meeting to order and stated that a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Smith, and unanimously approved to waive the reading of the minutes of the May 20, 2014 meeting and to adopt the minutes as printed. A draft copy of the minutes was sent to each Board Member prior to the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

SILVER DOLLAR CITY/STONE MOUNTAIN PARK REPORT

Mr. Gerald Rakestraw stated that HFEC was looking forward to dry weather for the next 45 days to finish up the summer. The July 4th event will be celebrated from the 3rd – 5th

or Thursday through Saturday. There are some new features in the laser show this year and it begins at 9:30 p.m.

Memorial Day was good attendance on Saturday, but Sunday and Monday the rainy weather kept attendance down. Ms. Thomas asked about the hotel performance. Mr. Rakestraw stated it was better, but not where it needed to be.

FINANCE REPORT – YEAR-TO-DATE

Ms. Durham reported that the Finance Committee met earlier and discussed the financial statements through May 31, 2014. Total revenues year-to-date were \$4.4 million and total operating expenses were about \$2.7 million compared to the budget of \$3.0 million. After depreciation the net loss year-to-date is \$789,000 compared to a budgeted loss of \$1.3 million.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Chief Kelley met last week with the new DeKalb County Fire Chief. There is a mutual aid agreement with DeKalb Fire and this has been a good partnership.

The Park has been very busy and the signage regarding valuables in cars seems to be effective. Car break-ins seem to be under control at the present time.

Mr. Studdard reported that the communications system is all on site. It will be turned on and programming started this week. The goal is to convert all units to new radios during the first part of August and have the old system taken out shortly thereafter. At this point the project is ahead of schedule.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Meadows stated that she hoped all the members had reviewed the new Strategic Plan that was sent to each member. If not, she encouraged everyone to review the plan.

Commissioner Williams was welcomed to the meeting. The Commissioner stated that he was looking forward to the tour of the Park.

Ms. Meadows stated that the tour would begin immediately following lunch.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Carolyn Meadows, Chairman

Submitted by Gail Durham