

STONE MOUNTAIN MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION  
October 21, 2014

A meeting of the Stone Mountain Memorial Association was held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 21, 2014, at Evergreen Conference Center, Stone Mountain Park, Stone Mountain, Georgia.

ASSOCIATION MEMBERS PRESENT

Carolyn Meadows, Chairman  
Greer Johnson, Vice Chairman  
Ray Smith III  
Dick Childers  
Becky Kelley, Director State Parks & Historic Sites  
Joan Thomas  
Perry Tindol

ASSOCIATION MEMBERS ABSENT

Scott Johnson  
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  
Michael Dombrowski, HFEC, Stone Mountain Park  
Members of the Public

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 September 16, 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

Greg Seals of Lilburn, Georgia addressed the SMMA Board. Mr. Seals has written a book and would like the SMMA to review the book prior to distribution. He requested to speak with Mr. Stephens after the conclusion of the meeting to present his materials.

Ms. Aurelia Chatman from The Village Community Development Corporation introduced herself to the Board. She stated she is a longtime resident of Snellville and Mr. Stephens has met with her earlier to discuss a proposal for the use of the Stone Mountain

tennis center. She has submitted a preliminary letter of inquiry to Mr. Stephens. Her group is interested in forming public/private partnerships to develop the facility into a multi-use sports complex. Mr. Stephens stated that he is evaluating the proposal. Ms. Meadows thanked Ms. Chatman for attending the Board meeting.

### SILVER DOLLAR CITY/STONE MOUNTAIN PARK REPORT

Mr. Dombrowski thanked the SMMA Board for welcoming him to the Park. He stated that he has met with Chief Kelley and Bob Cowhig of SMMA and they have shared their wisdom on Park operations.

Pumpkin Festival is concluding and the Stone Mountain Christmas will begin on November 8 and end on January 4. A handout on activities for the Christmas program was distributed. Snow Mountain will begin November 22 and run till February 22.

The Country Living Fair is this coming weekend and good attendance is anticipated.

### FINANCE REPORT – YEAR-TO-DATE

Ms. Durham reported that the Finance Committee met earlier and discussed the financial statements through September 30, 2014. Total revenues year-to-date were \$7.8million and total operating expenses were about \$4.9 million compared to the budget of \$5.4 million. After depreciation the net loss year-to-date is \$1.5 million compared to a budgeted loss of \$2.4 million.

The 2015 budget was presented for review and discussion earlier. Total revenues are budgeted at \$10.7 million, total operating expenses are \$7.7 million and the net loss for 2015 is \$3.1 million. Budget approval will be requested at the November meeting.

### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Chief Kelley reported that October is the busiest month for special events. Eggtoberfest kicked off the month and was a great event and a good fit for the Park. Highland games were well attended and parking became a challenge. The Country Living Fair is a three day event and a very nice event for the Park. The Indian Festival and Pow Wow are well attended by school children on Thursday and Friday during the festival. Also, two new movies will be filmed during the fall.

Currently, the focus in public safety is the Ebola virus. A policy and procedure has been initiated and CDC guidelines are being followed. Chief Kelley distributed the Training Bulletin that has been issued in his department. The procedures to protect the public were discussed.

### OLD BUSINESS

None.

### NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

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Carolyn Meadows, Chairman

Submitted by Gail Durham