

STONE MOUNTAIN MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION  
DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEES MEETING  
January 19, 2016

A joint meeting of the Development and Finance Committees of the Stone Mountain Memorial Association was held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, January 19, 2016, at Evergreen Conference Center, Stone Mountain Park.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Scott Johnson, Chairman Finance Committee  
Greer Johnson, SMMA Board Vice Chairman  
Dick Childers

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Ray S. Smith III, Chairman Development Committee  
Joan Thomas  
Perry Tindol

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Becky Kelley  
Roy Roberts

OTHERS PRESENT

Carolyn Meadows, SMMA Board Chairman  
Bill Stephens, C.E.O.  
Bob Cowhig, Director of Planning and Development  
Debbie Blihovde, Benefits Administrator  
Edna Zimmerman, Director of Finance  
Chief Chuck Kelley, Director of Public Safety  
Duane Studdard, Administration Manager  
Mike Lee, Assistant Chief of Police & Fire

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order.

**Review of Year-to-Date Financial Statements**

Ms. Meadows explained that SMMA did not have year-end financials because of the Annual Audit timeline. Those will be presented at the board meeting March 15, 2016. Mr. Stephens stated that Ms. Zimmerman would be explaining in detail by segment what went into the financials which were presented to the Board each month. Today Ms. Zimmerman explained the current asset portion of the financials. Ms. Zimmerman gave the Board members a handout as a visual to the presentation. Ms. Zimmerman talked about the current assets on the balance sheet, what is included, the reason for the accounting treatment and gave them examples.

Mr. Stephens updated the Board on litigation which will be orally argued this Thursday before the Georgia Appeals Court. The argument concerns our protection against law suits based on the Recreational Property Act. The Act protects state parks open to the

public for recreation from being sued in these cases. It is the States argument that we are protected under the Act.

### **Review of Proposed changes to amend SMMA Ordinance on Public Speeches**

Mr. Stephens reviewed SMMA's undated Ordinance on Public Speeches, Gatherings, performances, etc. The proposed Ordinance requires the groups to be issued a permit from SMMA. Up until this point SMMA has not had a permitting ordinance. There are two events coming up in April which will require permits.

SMMA researched what the National parks and the Georgia State Parks have done with Public Speech ordinances. SMMA researched what the World Congress Center and other State entities that have protests occasionally had in place. The Attorney General's office has reviewed the ordinance three times to make sure the ordinance is complying with the civil rights laws. SMMA wanted to make sure the ordinance was legal and workable. There is no fee for the permit.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Notes taken by  
Debbie Blihovde