**DRAFTMINUTES**

**COMMISSION FOR HISTORICAL STATUES IN THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL**

**March 30, 2023, 1 p.m.**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

Senator Louise Lucas

Delegate Jeion Ward

Dr. Edward Ayers

Dr. Colita Fairfax

Ms. Margie Vanderhye

Dr. Fred Motley

Ms. Julie Langan, Ex Officio

Members not in attendance:

Chief Anne Richardson

DHR Staff:

Stephanie Williams

Jennifer Pullen

Sculptor:

Steven Weitzman

Joanna Renard

Curator for the United States Capitol:

Dr. Michele Cohen

**ATTENDEES:**

Robert Johns

Ernest Johns

Barbara Batson

Kristopher Goad

Jessica Roach

**WELCOME**

Ms. Langan welcomed everyone and introduced DHR staff. She stated that the meeting complied with the Commission’s Virtual Meeting Policy and then introduced Chair Lucas.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Lucas called the meeting to order at 1:18 p.m.

Ms. Langan took attendance by roll call. Chair Lucas asked members to introduce themselves.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

Chair Lucas asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Vice-Chair Ward made the motion. Dr. Ayers seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 4, 2023, MINUTES**

Chair Lucas asked for a motion to approve the January 4, 2023, minutes. A motion was made by Dr. Motley. Vice-Chair Ward seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Langan relayed that there were no written comments received since the last meeting.

Robert Johns, brother of Barbara Johns, thanked the Commission. He was pleased with the family’s visit to Mr. Weitzman’s studio.

**UPDATE**

Ms. Langan updated the Commission on progress made since the January meeting. See PowerPoint.

**PRESENTATION OF MAQUETTE**

Ms. Langan, assisted by Steven Weitzman, presented images of the maquette, and described the changes made to it since January. See PowerPoint.

**DISCUSSION**

There was a discussion about which books to include and in which locations.

**APPROVAL OF MAQUETTE**

Chair Lucas requested a motion for the approval of the maquette. Dr. Fairfax made the motion. Dr. Ayers seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

**DISCUSSION OF NEXT STEPS**

Ms. Langan noted that the next step in the process is to send photos of the maquette to the Office of the Architect of the Capitol who will forward the request to the Joint Committee on the Library for approval.

She also reviewed the remaining steps in the process. See PowerPoint.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Lucas called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice-Chair Ward made a motion which was seconded by Dr. Ayers. The motion passed unanimously.

**MEETING ADJOURNED at 1:55p.m.**