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**UFHSA Meeting Minutes (approved 1/9/2020)
Education/Interpretation/Historic Preservation/Facilities Committee
December 17, 2019
Time Convened: 11:31 a.m.
Time Adjourned: 12:07 p.m.
Via Conference Call and In Person**

Committee Members Present: Roy Hunt, Buff Gordon

Committee Members Absent: K. Deagan, W. Proctor, M. Francis, R. Gonzalez, H. Shepard. Members Gonzalez and Shepard indicated via email that they could not attend but approve of the draft text.

Others Present: Ed Poppell, Linda Dixon, Billy Triay, Karen Thomas, Susan Parker

The Meeting of UFHSA Education/Interpretation/Historic Preservation/Facilities Committee was called to order by Roy Hunt at 11:31 AM.

The minutes from the previous committee meeting were reviewed. Buff Gordon moved to approve the minutes and Roy Hunt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The purpose of this meeting was to review the proposed revisions to the USCT memorial text that will be printed on the granite monument.

Susan Parker asked the committee to have the opportunity for Tom Graham to review the names for correctness before proceeding with the monument. The committee agreed that a review should be conducted as the text will be carved in stone.

Ed Poppell asked the committee to review the use of the word "colored" on the memorial in context of the current climate of the community. Ed proposed that there may be a need to describe or explain somewhere in the text on the monument to indicate that the use of the word was the official or authentic name of the troop at the time.

The group discussed using text that would indicate that the United States Color Troops was the official Army name of that troop and regiment.

Susan Parker is going to reword the text to include an explanation of the use of the term as it relates to the name of the troop and the committee will review before approving.

Ed Poppell asked the group to consider adding language that would address the "red trousers" that the group being recognized were famous for wearing.

Susan Parker is going to add a description to the text under the photo on the monument that would describe the red trousers that the regiment wore, and the committee will review before approving.

The group discussed adding the rank and a notation on killed in action to the names. Susan Parker discouraged this as the records are not always clear, and there might not be a way to verify that data. The group decided to leave the rank and killed in action notation off the monument.

The group considered the need to give credit to the photographer that has the photo being used on the monument. There is no money being provided for the use of the photograph and the group decided to give credit to the photographer verbally and in other ways during the unveiling, but not on the monument itself.

The group entertained a motion to approve the memorial text as noted with the changes above. The group ultimately decided to meet again via conference call to review the changes before proceeding with a vote to approve. Linda Dixon will schedule the meeting for early January 2020.

The meeting was adjourned by Roy Hunt at 12:07 p.m.