George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee Annual Report July 2021 – June 2022

Summary of Accomplishments

The George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee is responsible for the planning and carrying out of the City's annual George Washington Birthday celebration. Within these guidelines, the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee membership completed the following activities during its 2021/22 session.

George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee Policy and Membership Accomplishments

- The committee passed Bylaws.
- Membership attendance at monthly meetings increased during the period where Zoom meetings were allowed.
- Once in person meetings became a requirement, there was a brief issue of gathering a quorum.
- Some organizations who have seats on the committee had never placed anyone on the committee or had joined and never returned.

Activities

- See attached list for full details of events. In brief, the following events were held:
 - Washington Birthday Parade
 - The "Cherry Challenge"
 - o "George Washington's Alexandria" Tours
 - Birthnight Ball: Virtual
 - o Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
 - Washington Symposium
 - o American Legion Post 24 Run, Walk, n' Roll
 - o "Hunt for Washington"
 - o ¡Viva George! Celebrating Washington in Laredo and Alexandria Virtual
 - Chocolate with General Washington
 - George Washington at Hooray for Books!
 - Link to Washington Birthday Parade video:
 - o https://www.facebook.com/7NewsDC/videos/265408348947229
 - Link to Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Wreath Laying:
 - o <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bjsRreK9F-I&t=2s</u>

Program and/or Legislative Accomplishments

• Proclamation of George Washington Birthday, month of February 2022. The festivities were dedicated to honor the Health Care Workers and First Responders who worked tirelessly during the pandemic.

Leadership

- Officers for the 2021-2022 year were as follows: Tyler Vanice Chair; Susan Johnson Vice-Chair; Jennifer Warren – Secretary.
- Officers for the upcoming year, 2022-2023, were elected at the May 2022 meeting: Tyler Vanice and Sue Johnson were elected as Co-Chairs, and Carol Myers was elected as Secretary.
- Nicole Quinn, Michele Longo, and Gretchen Bulova from the Office of Historic Alexandria acted as the staff liaison to George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee during the 2021-2022 year.
- During the course of the year, membership included the following individuals:

Edgar Bates Daniel Beard Claire Bennett David Bissette Casey Clark Kristen Eastlick Robert Garbacz Sally Graham Jeanne Jacob Susan Johnson Chris Jones Stephen MacLeod Sean Marvin Margaret ("Mitzi") Moore Carol Myers Lovie Patish **Thomas Smith** Jason Reardon Tyler Vanice Jennifer Warren

Attachments

1. GWBCC Annual Attendance Report 2021-2022

- 2. 2022 GWBCC Summary of Events Overview
- 3. 2022 GWBCC Photos of Events
- George Washington Birthday Celebration Schedule for 2022
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