RESOLUTION NO. 2365

BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Salisbury, Maryland that the following individual is appointed to the Friends of Poplar Hill Mansion Board of Directors for the term ending as indicated:

Name Harry R. McCoy Term Ending 12/31/2016

The above resolution was introduced, read and passed at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Salisbury held on the 31st day of January 2014.

Kimberly R. Nichols

CITY CLERK

Jacob R. Day

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED BY ME THIS

/0 day of February 2014.

James Treton, Jr.

MAYOR

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

To:

Tom Stevenson

From:

Sherrell McBride

Subject:

Appointments to the Friends of Poplar Hill Mansion Board of Directors

Date:

January 16, 2014

Mayor Ireton would like to appoint the following person to the Friends of Poplar Hill Mansion Board of Directors:

Name

Term Ending

Harry R. McCoy

12/31/2016

Attached you will find a letter from Mr. Harry R. McCoy and the Resolution necessary for his appointment. Please forward this information to the City Council to be placed on the agenda for the next Council meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Attachments

CC: Aleta Davis Virginia Hussey Harry R. McCoy 110 Halsey Drive Salisbury, Md. 21804 Dec. 17, 2013

Hello. My name is Harry R McCoy. I am 66 years old and retired. A serious illness related to Agent Orange exposure in Viet Nam caused me to have to quit work in the summer of 2008. I spent several years building myself up after my hospital stay in August of that year. I spent that time walking, bicycle riding and roller-skating and they helped my recovery and strengthened me.

I took advantage of the free time to write that book about my time in Viet Nam that I had always wanted to. It became a modest success so I followed it up with another and now am writing a third for a local publishing company.

My parents moved to the Eastern Shore in 1954 and I grew up in Somerset County, the son of a school principal. I quit college in 1966 to buy a car and then go back, which in retrospect was a very foolish decision, as I was soon enmeshed in the army and fighting a war I had no desire to fight.

After two years in the army, I came back to Somerset County and worked for Eastern Shore Oil for a year, then accepted work at Horner Honda in Salisbury. I worked for this company for 37 years, first as a mechanic, then as service manager for over 30 years, until I fell ill.

I am now at a time in my life that I feel that it is time to give back to the community. I work occasionally in Chance, Md. helping in rebuilding the 102-year-old skipjack Kathryn, since I grew up with the owner, Mr. Harold Whitelock. These lovely old boats are part of our heritage, and they need people to keep them in good repair and doing what they were built to do. I am by no means a shipwright, but I have always been interested in sailboats and owned a modern one for twenty years until my sickness. I have been around boats all my life and have built two small sailing rowboats.

Old buildings also interest me greatly, and I think it important that we keep these memories of yesteryear in good repair so we can pass them on to future generations. Aleta Davis came to one of the meetings of the Writer's Bloc and talked about becoming a volunteer at the Poplar Hill Mansion, and I was immediately interested and soon joined. I have helped them every chance I get and enjoyed it immensely for the last eight months or so. The thought that I am one of the people that lovingly keep the building in good repair and clean is quite fulfilling to me.