



REPORT

CITY OF HARTSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNCIL AFRICAN-AMERICAN CEMETERY COMMITTEE
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2017 - 3:00PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL – 100 EAST CAROLINA AVENUE

Committee Members Present: Adlena Graham, Chair; Johnny Andrews
Guests Present: Marva Serrano (and husband), Patricia Wingate, and Pecolia Grove
Staff Present: Rebecca Edwards

PURSUANT TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT SC CODE 30-4-80: WRITTEN NOTICE WAS DELIVERED TO THE PRESS BY EMAIL ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2017 AND DULY POSTED AT CITY HALL LOCATED AT 100 E. CAROLINA AVE.

Councilman Johnny Andrews called the meeting to order at 3:09 pm.

The following matters were discussed:

Rebecca Edwards gave City staff updates. There have been no new donations since the last meeting. Sensitive clearing date still set to start in late October.

Marva Serrano gave out copies of her observations of fundraising efforts. She discussed church involvement and more community involvement.

Councilwoman Graham stated that she had gotten in touch with Charles Brooks, a relative of Butler, and would be sending him information.

Marva Serrano pointed out that the sign at the cemetery did not point to a Black or African American tie and would like that wording placed on the sign.

Councilman Andrews presented his findings on Mrs. Alice Butler per a conversation at the prior meeting. He presented death certificates which included place of burial and news clippings of the family's obituaries.

Councilwoman Graham thanked Marva Serrano for her effort, time, and thoughts on the fundraising efforts.

Councilwoman Graham inquired about fencing and lighting once the area is cleared as well as about the Marion Avenue ditch.

The next meeting will be held Monday, October 23 at 3:00pm in City Hall Council Chambers.

Councilwoman Graham closed the meeting with prayer at 4:05pm.

This is our report and recommendations to the full Council.

Adlena Graham, Committee Chair