

REPORT

CITY OF HARTSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL AFRICAN-AMERICAN CEMETERY COMMITTEE November 27, 2017 AT 3:00 PM COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL – 100 EAST CAROLINA AVENUE

Committee Members Present: Adlena Graham, Chair; Johnny Andrews,

Guests Present: Willie Williams, 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 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2017 AND DULY POSTED AT CITY HALL LOCATED AT 100 E. CAROLINA AVE.

Councilwoman Graham called the meeting to order at 3:18 pm, with a prayer by Willie Williams.

The following matters were discussed:

Staff reported that a donation of \$100 had been received since the last meeting.

Staff updated that spraying was completed in order for clearing to begin. City administration were finishing contract paperwork in order for clearing to begin over the next couple of weeks.

Councilman Andrews met previously that day with a local news station covering a story for the efforts by the cemetery committee. Mr. Williams was interviewed.

Councilman Andrews presented to the committee a letter received from Marva Serrano.

Councilman Andrews presented to the committee varying survey forms for logging headstone and other grave markers as well as attributes about the cemetery once it had been cleared. His suggestions were to use quadrants and GPS coordinates as well as logging graves that were next to each other so as to identify family plots.

Councilman Andrews asked Councilwoman Graham if she could find written records of the purchase of plots at the cemetery.

Those in attendance then discussed the next meeting date concluding to cancel the regularly scheduled next month meeting on December 25 for the Christmas holiday and for further work can be done with clearing and fundraising.

The next meeting will be held Monday, January 29 at 3:00pm in City Hall Council Chambers.

Councilwoman Graham closed the meeting at 3:50pm.

This is our report and recommendations to the full Council.

Adlena Graham, Committee Chair