



REPORT

CITY OF HARTSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNCIL AFRICAN-AMERICAN CEMETERY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2018 AT 3:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL – 100 EAST CAROLINA AVENUE

Committee Members Present: Tre Gammage, Chair, Johnny Andrews, Mayor Pro-Tem
Guests Present: Ruth Segars, Pecolia Grove, Adlena Graham, Naomi Maunelle, Patricia Wingate
Staff Present: Kennedy McGee, Russell Slatton

PURSUANT TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT SC CODE 30-4-80: WRITTEN NOTICE WAS DELIVERED TO THE PRESS BY EMAIL ON THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2018 AND DULY POSTED AT CITY HALL LOCATED AT 100 E. CAROLINA AVE.

The following matters were discussed:

1. Saturday Clean Up
 - a) 7-8 citizen volunteers attended the Saturday clean up on June 23rd from 9am to 12pm.
 - b) While discussing volunteer attendance, Tre provided a handout describing ways to potentially gain higher attendance, one being social media blurbs/videos containing short, historically significant messages about the cemetery along with the time/day of next volunteer work day.
 - c) Another larger scale idea would be to host a work day/cookout event that would offer food to volunteers as well as provide an audience for speakers to elaborate on the history surrounding the cemetery and discuss who is buried there to raise awareness and engagement.
 - d) Lastly, Tre suggested implementing a recurring schedule for volunteer days, such as the second Saturday of each month, so that information can be posted in advance for a broader period of time.
2. First Presbyterian Volunteers
 - a) On Thursday, June 21st 15 youth volunteers along with their youth pastor and 4 city employees collaborated to spread mulch and further beautification/maintenance of the cemetery.
3. American Legion Support
 - a) Councilman Gammage spoke with this group at their most recent meeting and they were excited to hear about the cemetery. Many veterans expressed interest in telling their stories if an event took place at the cemetery, as well as interest in volunteering on clean up days.
 - b) Tre would like to have them visit to view the veterans stones and become acquainted with the area.
4. F3 Support/Cypress Adventures
 - a) Workout Group, F3 is looking for a service project in conjunction with student group Cypress Adventures, and could potentially choose the cemetery as their project.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, July 31 at 3p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers.

Councilman Gammage closed the meeting at 4:48 p.m.

This is our report and recommendations to the full Council.

Tre Gammage, Committee Chair

Date