



REPORT

CITY OF HARTSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNCIL AFRICAN-AMERICAN CEMETERY COMMITTEE
October 30, 2017 AT 3:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL – 100 EAST CAROLINA AVENUE

Committee Members Present: Adlena Graham, Chair; Johnny Andrews, Ruth Segars
Guests Present: Willie Williams, Pecolia Grave, Patricia Wingate,
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 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2017 AND DULY POSTED AT CITY HALL LOCATED AT 100 E. CAROLINA AVE.

Councilman Graham called the meeting to order at 3:07 pm, with a prayer.

The following matters were discussed:

Staff reported that donations raised to date remained at a total of \$5,095.

Staff presented options for changing the name of the current sign by the property from “Historic Marion Avenue Cemetery” to “Historic African American Cemetery”.

Mr. Williams presented copies of an article from a newspaper in Georgia that honored African American cemeteries.

Councilman Andrews asked if anyone had heard of another cemetery near First St. between Carolina Ave. and Home. No one had heard of one.

Councilman Andrews discussed civic groups giving in-kind services for work on the lot and Coker students using service days to assist. Staff will follow up to see if there are any upcoming service days with Coker.

The committee further discussed other groups to reach out to for volunteer opportunities.

The next meeting will be held Monday, November 27 at 3:00pm in City Hall Council Chambers.

Councilwoman Graham closed the meeting at 3:51pm.

This is our report and recommendations to the full Council.

Adlena Graham, Committee Chair