



REPORT

CITY OF HARTSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNCIL AFRICAN-AMERICAN CEMETERY COMMITTEE
January 30, 2018 AT 3:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL – 100 EAST CAROLINA AVENUE

Committee Members Present: Tre Gammage, Chair; Johnny Andrews
Guests Present: Willie Williams, Daniel Moses, Ruth Segars, Patricia Wingate, Jennifer Heusel
Staff Present: Rebecca Edwards, Mary Catherine Farrell

PURSUANT TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT SC CODE 30-4-80: WRITTEN NOTICE WAS DELIVERED TO THE PRESS BY EMAIL ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2018 AND DULY POSTED AT CITY HALL LOCATED AT 100 E. CAROLINA AVE.

Councilman Gammage called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

The following matters were discussed:

Staff presented a potential grant opportunity, the African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund Grant which would allow for funding of up to \$150,000 for work done to the Marion Avenue ditch, grave identification, fencing, and stone repairs.

Staff updated that there had been no new donations since November with the total amount of funds to date being \$5,065. Councilman Gammage urged the committee to think about the intent of donations and a prioritization of what funds will be used for.

Mr. Williams suggested that a presentation be made to the ministerial alliance. Councilman Andrews suggested putting together a branded standard presentation for the group to speak at civic organizations

Dr. Heusel updated the committee on the work her Fall visual communications class did on the cemetery. The class created a PR campaign with 3 vignettes and a brochure. Students have volunteered to do more work.

Councilman Andrews suggested scheduling a volunteer day for surveying grave markers. Councilman Gammage suggested utilizing Governor's School and Coker students as volunteers. The first survey day was scheduled for February 17 at 9a.m. Staff will reach out about the possibility of student volunteers.

Councilman Andrews discussed that the application had begun for the cemetery to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Councilman Andrews presented the committee with preliminary research on notable burials. Staff will continue working on the application. Staff will also look at placing the site within the City's local historic district.

Staff updated on community engagement on the project through online efforts such as the City's website and social media accounts which has resulted in positive feedback.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 27 at 3:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers.

Councilman Gammage closed the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

This is our report and recommendations to the full Council.

Tre Gammage, Committee Chair