

## REPORT

## CITY OF HARTSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL AFRICAN-AMERICAN CEMETERY COMMITTEE TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2018 AT 3:00 PM COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL – 100 EAST CAROLINA AVENUE

Committee Members Present: Tre Gammage, Chair

Guests Present: Willie Williams, Adlena Graham, Pecolia Grove, Patricia Wingate

Staff Present: Mary Catherine Farrell

PURSUANT TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT SC CODE 30-4-80: WRITTEN NOTICE WAS DELIVERED TO THE PRESS BY EMAIL ON THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2018 AND DULY POSTED AT CITY HALL LOCATED AT 100 E. CAROLINA AVE.

Staff liaison Mary Catherine Farrell called an information-only meeting to order at 3:00pm in the absence of any Council members. (Councilman Gammage would later join the group, but due to a lack of quorum of elected officials, the session remained information-only).

The following matters were discussed:

- 1. Update on spraying completion and donation of mulch by Arbor Works
  - a. Staff informed the group that chemical application to suppress trunk growth would be complete by the upcoming work day.
- 2. Cemetery Cleanup Day
  - a. Staff reminded the group of the work day scheduled for May 28 at 9am. F3 will provide volunteers to spread the mulch donated by Arbor Works.
  - b. Staff will be weed eating to clear recent growth before the mulch is applied.
  - c. Volunteers are asked to bring their own tools.
- 3. Flags for veterans' graves for Memorial Day
  - a. The flags to put on veterans' graves for Memorial Day have been donated to the committee.
  - b. The committee will need to develop a plan to put them out.
- 4. The City did not receive an invitation to submit a full application through the African-American Cultural Heritage Action Fund.

The Cemetery Committee expresses its sincere gratitude to Mary Catherine Farrell for her dedicated service to the Cemetery Committee and to the City of Hartsville. The committee wishes her the very best as she soon begins employment with the City of Aiken.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, May 29 at 3:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers.

Councilman Gammage closed the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

This is our report and recommendations to the full Council.

Tre Gammage, Committee Chair