



REPORT

CITY OF HARTSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNCIL AFRICAN-AMERICAN CEMETERY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, JULY 31, 2018 AT 3:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL – 100 EAST CAROLINA AVENUE

PURSUANT TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT SC CODE 30-4-80: WRITTEN NOTICE WAS DELIVERED TO THE PRESS BY EMAIL ON FRIDAY, JULY 27, 2018 AND DULY POSTED AT CITY HALL LOCATED AT 100 E. CAROLINA AVE.

Committee Members Present: Tre Gammage, Chair, Johnny Andrews, Mayor Pro-Tem
Guests Present: Pecolia Grove, Willie Williams, Jim Faile, Hartsville Messenger
Staff Present: Kennedy McGee

The following matters were discussed:

1. Saturday Clean Up
 - a) Roughly, 10 volunteers offered their services on the June 23rd from 9am to 12pm.
 - b) Tre posted videos and pictures online of the successful clean-up day to raise awareness and encourage further participation.
2. Volunteers for August
 - a) One church is working to provide a group of 10-20 volunteers to offer their skills.
 - b) Tre reached out to contacts at the Governor's School and Coker Athletics Department to request their engagement.
3. Cemetery Marketing Update
 - a) Pecolia suggested it may be beneficial to create a small handout to distribute at churches around the city.
 - b) As denoted in Tre's marketing handout, posting videos and excerpts on social media is currently the main medium of communication with the public.
4. Review Letter from Archives
 - a) In June, Johnny and a group from the SC Department of Archives visited the cemetery so that it could be determined if the cemetery could meet the criteria to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places.
 - b) The correspondents from the Archives were impressed by both the art prevalence on the tombstones as well as the historical significance of the buried.
 - c) Based on written response from the archives, the cemetery is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under two possible criteria: Criterion A, Social History and Ethnic Heritage or Criterion B, Art, at the local level of significance.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, September 25 at 3 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers.
Councilman Gammage closed the Meeting at 3:34 p.m.

This is our report and recommendations to the full Council.

Tre Gammage, Committee Chair

Date