



REPORT

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2019 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 THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2018 AND DULY POSTED AT CITY HALL LOCATED AT 100 EAST CAROLINA AVENUE AND ON HARTSVILLESC.GOV.

Committee Members Present: Tre Gammage, Chair, Johnny Andrews, Mayor Pro-Tem

Guests Present: Willie Williams, Naomi Maunell, Carolyn Johnson, Pecolia Grove, Patricia Wingate, Ruth Segars, Adlena Graham, Former Council Member, Theresa Mack, Council Member

Staff Present: Kennedy McGee

The following matters were discussed:

1. National Registry Update
 - a) Tre talked to Jennifer Heusel and she is still working on the narrative portion of the submission. Currently, both Local Significance and Artistic Design criterion are being considered and based on the amount of evidence after narrative preparation, one or both will be the focal points for the submission.
 - b) Chair Gammage mentioned a bill is being proposed to congress that would allow all African American Cemeteries to be nationally registered. Mack suggested we write a letter to Congressman Rice and let him know of our group and how much we would support the passing of this bill.
2. Enactus Beautification
 - a) Tre spoke with the Coker Enactus team and they thought the next project for the group could be creating a formal entrance to the cemetery. Even if the property is not completely enclosed, a gated archway or some combination of pillars, could help increase curiosity and overall appearance for the cemetery. Group is supportive of idea and interested in exploring different options. Group may contact North Industrial to get an estimation concerning price of gate if we go that route.
 - b) Another idea to encourage attendance and improve appearances would be to add a few benches or designated sitting areas throughout or in a certain portion of the cemetery.
 - c) Group may consider requesting some additional land from council, if some of the Lincoln Village land could be beneficial. Will discuss further and gather more concrete evidence. Tre will contact Sherron Skipper to request information about the property lines and plat info.
3. Volunteer Clean Up Day
 - a) Next volunteer clean-up day is Saturday, April 13. Tre will not be available in the morning so group will most likely meet from 1-3:30pm or 1-4pm. Tre will notify volunteers in advance. Clean up always takes place on the second Saturday of the month.
4. Preserving History
 - a) Group will attend luncheon held by the South Carolina African American Heritage Foundation in Columbia on April 4th. The theme of the luncheon is "Preserving our Places in

History” and awards will be distributed to groups that have shown exemplary initiative in helping preserve/restore locations of historical significance.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, April 30 at 3pm in City Hall Council Chambers.

Councilman Gammage closed the meeting at 3:50pm.

This is our report and recommendations to the full council.

Tre Gammage, Chair

Date