

# **Committee for the Beautification & Restoration of Randolph Cemetery**

2202 Pinehurst Road, Columbia, SC 29204

January 16, 2008

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

## **Summary Minutes (Corrected)**

*Attendees:* Frank Washington-President, Noble Cooper-Vice President, Cornell Boyd-Treasurer and Emma Myers, Consultant.

### **I. Welcome/Introductions**

Following socializing and light refreshments, President Frank Washington called the meeting to order at the home of Noble and Carole Cooper, 2202 Pinehurst Road, Columbia at 6:17 pm. It was noted that the address on the agenda was incorrect.

### **II. Chairman's Update**

Mr. Washington introduced Emma McGraw Myers as the consultant who has been retained by the Downtown Cemetery Committee to assist with the tax exemption application, unveiling ceremony and fundraiser for the Randolph Cemetery. She will assist with working with the Committee and helping the group to address concerns.

Letters asking for contributions to help cover the maintenance were mailed in August, 2007. Approximately \$2,000 has been received to date. The checking account has been opened at First Citizens Bank. There is a second account at BB&T. Mrs. Kyer left the Richland Street Property to the Committee. It has been rented out under the Columbia Housing Authority's Section 8 Program at \$414 per month plus an additional \$86 from the tenant. This income has been deposited in the account. The grass cutting is \$640 each time.

Ms. Myers mentioned that the Downtown Cemetery Committee has revised their budget and will cover some of these expenses. Mr. Washington agreed to provide a recent for the last cutting. The IRS tax exempt application will need to list a board. Mr. Perry Palmer, Delores Gordon and Cleveland Smith were suggested as board members.

Maps of the Cemetery were presented. It was agreed to have all three of them laminated. Mrs. Myers noted that the largest one can be kept at the Historic Columbia's Foundation office. Mr. Washington has the notebooks (2) listing all the known grave sites, photos of each and all identifying information. The work was completed by New South Associates.

### **III. Plans for Historic Marker Ceremony**

The Cemetery has been approved on the National Historic Registrar. Plans for an unveiling are being discussed. The proposed date is January 26<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Cooper said that he would not be available but to proceed. Mr. Washington has agreed to serve as moderator.

### **IV. Suggested Meeting Schedule/Timetable - This item was deferred until the next meeting.**

### **V. Appoint Meeting Recorder – This item was also deferred.**

### **VI. Next Meeting - Wednesday, March 13, 2008 at 6 PM at the Coopers.**

### **VII. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm by the President.**

Recorded by Emma McGraw Myers  
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