

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

Simkins House, 2025 Marion Street, SC 29201

March 13, 2008

7:00 pm - 8:15 pm

## **Summary Minutes**

*Attendees:* Frank Washington-President, Noble Cooper-Vice President, Cornell H. Boyd-Treasurer, James H. Baker, III, Vivian Russell Baker, Carla L. Smith, Susan W. McArver, James T. McArver, Latrice Williams-HCF and Emma McGraw Myers-Consultant.

### **I. Call to Order/Meditation**

President Frank Washington called the meeting to order at 6:55 pm at the Modjeska Simkins House, 2025 Marion Street, Columbia. Self introductions followed the meditation.

### **II. Review of the February 13<sup>th</sup> Minutes**

Copies of the minutes that had been mailed with the agenda and meeting notice were reviewed. There being no changes or corrections, the minutes were approved by consensus.

### **III. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Cornell Boyd reported on the expenditures to date:

BB&T account balance as of 2/29/08 was \$2,831.65

First Citizens Bank (FCB) account balance was \$1,044.62:

Expenditures Included:

Stamps	41.00
Secretary of State	10.00
Wilson	450.00

Mr. Washington stated that the Section 8 rental income for Richland Street is deposited directly to the FCB account and closing the account may cause a delay or problems. After some discussion, it was moved by Dr. Noble Cooper and seconded by Vivian Baker that the two checking accounts not be combined at this time as was previously suggested. The motion carried.

Mr. Boyd expressed concern about the City charging the cemetery water/storm fees. There have not been recent bills received; however, a follow-up call needs to be made to the Mayor or city official to determine if the cemetery can be exempted. The report was received as information.

### **IV. Eagle Scout Project**

James McArver introduced himself and his mother, Dr. Susan McArver. He stated that he would like to do a Eagle Scout Project at the cemetery. A discussion followed about possible projects that could be done by the end of May 2008. Suggestions included planting a flower bed around the historic marker and/or the Randolph marker; installing benches; weeding around the graves; conducting a trash pick-up; replacing/planting trees; and putting markers for the 10 legislators. The project needs to be more than a community service endeavor. Mrs. Myers agreed to contact Robin Waites of Historic Columbia Foundation to discuss these options and get back with James and his mother so that he can submit his proposal to the Scouts. Mr. Washington thanked the guests for this presence at the meeting and invited them to have refreshments before they left.

**V. Chairman's Report**

- A. Historic Marker Acknowledgement Letters: Mr. Washington stated that he and Mrs. Myers had sent thank you letters to the Unveiling Ceremony participants/sponsors. He also noted that copies of the Unveiling programs were also sent to the Committee.  
Mr. Washington agreed to work with Ms. Myers in getting out thank you letters. Copies of the program will be sent to Ms. Besse Jenkins and Mr. Palmer as soon as they are located or reprinted.
- B. State Tax Assessment: Mrs. Myers reported that she had completed the exemption application and hand-delivered it to the State Revenue Office. They told her that they will review and respond to the request by mail.

**VI. May 7<sup>th</sup> Roast for Patterson**

Ms. Myers distributed materials about the May 7<sup>th</sup> Roast for Kay Patterson that is being planned as a fundraiser to benefit St. Luke Episcopal Church. It was agreed that the funds should not come from the General Assembly monies but the Committee's treasurer. The group agreed to purchase a table at \$600. At the April Meeting, members will need to decide on who sits at the Committee's table. Everyone was asked to think about a "unique gift" that could be presented to Senator Patterson as a token of appreciation for his many years of support and reflective of the cemetery. It has not been approved if the Committee would be allowed to make a formal presentation at the event. Ms. Myers stated that she is waiting to hear back from Luther Battiste who is co-chairing the Roast & Toast with Mrs. Gwen Bynoe.

**VII. Old Business**

The Committee approved the name, Restoration and Beautification, at their last meeting. Ms. Myers noted that the Secretary of State recommends that the Committee dissolve the new name, Beautification and Restoration, and pay a \$10 filing fee. Ms. Myers plans to complete the necessary paperwork and submit it. Mr. Boyd issued another \$10 check for the SOS for this dissolution. She said that she still needs to contact the IRS about keeping the EIN the same but changing the name. With these tasks complete, she will process the federal tax exemption paperwork. There is a \$750 filing fee that needs to be sent with the application.

**VIII. Next Meeting** - Thursday, April 10, 2008 at 7:00 pm at one of the Simkins House.

**IX. Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm by the President. Refreshments were provided by Ms. Williams who invited members to tour the house afterwards.

Recorded by Emma McGraw Myers  
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