

Committee for the Restoration and Beautification of Randolph Cemetery
Summary Board Minutes
January 29, 2009

Attendees: Carlos L. Smith-President, Cornell H. Boyd-Treasurer, Maeward Belk, Regina Monteith, Staci Richey, Elaine Nichols, Latrice Williams for Robin Waites and Emma Myers-Consultant.

I. Call to Order/Meditation

At 6:02 pm, President Carlos Smith called the meeting to order at the Simkins House. Meditation followed. Dr. Smith stated that Emma Myers had twisted his arm to serve but that he accepted the position of presidency willingly. He said that he has been with the Richland One School District for 34 years but was new to the Randolph legacy. He stated that the Randolph Cemetery is a "jewel that needs to be polished". Dr. Smith said that he was born and raised in SC. He invited members to reach him on his cell, 803.319.9833.

II. Review of the December 17th Meeting Notes

The December minutes were distributed and reviewed. Corrections were noted. It was moved by Maeward Belk and seconded by Cornell Boyd that the corrected minutes be approved. Motion carried.

III. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Cornell Boyd read the bank statements: First Citizens Bank (FCB) was \$1,908.89 as of 1/28/09 and BB&T was \$322.65 of January. After some discussion, it was the consensus of the group to combine the two checking accounts and go with the one (FCB) where the checks were being directly deposited by the Housing Authority. The report was received as information.

III. President's Update

A. *SCAAHC Annual Conference:* Dr. Smith apologized that he had a schedule conflict due to the King Holiday and the snow day and was not able to attend the SC African American Heritage Commission's Annual Meeting/Conference. Ms. Myers stated that she was able to attend the conference at the Brookland Conference: the theme, Preserving Our Places in History: The Barbados Link" and Leon Love was elected as the new Chairman succeeding Jannie Harriott. The conference materials were circulated.

B. *2009 Meeting Dates:* The Committee agreed to the following meeting dates: February 19, April 16, Spring/Summer Activity, August 20, Fall/Winter Activity; and December 17th/Drop In & Annual Meeting. On a motion by Ms. Belk and seconded by Elaine Nichols, the 2009 Calendar were adopted.

C. *Officer/Committee Appointments:* Ms. Belk agreed to serve as Secretary. Dr. Smith asked Staci Rich and Regina Monteith to draft protocols for burials that could be sent to funeral homes and family members. Ms. Belk agreed to work with Dorothy Flanders on the Membership Committee.

D. *Bylaws:* Dr. Smith reviewed the bylaws highlighting sections that warranted further attention such as the payment of dues and liability coverage for the Committee members.

IV. General Discussion

Ms. Nichols said that Dr. Leader at USC is still willing to do the ground penetration study but needs volunteers. Ms. Myers noted that the Coroner's Office feels that this study is critical and if threatening to declare a moratorium on future burials until it is complete. Ms. Nichols agreed to follow up with Dr. Leader.

Ms. Myers noted that she had been advised that her contract with the Randolph Cemetery would end on January 31 and that this was her last meeting. She thanked the Committee members for their support and said that she would send copies of her year-end report/accomplishments.

V. Next Meeting: February 19, 2009 at 6 pm at the Simkins House.

VI. Adjournment: Dr. Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:28 pm. Refreshments were provided compliments of Emma Myers.

Recorded by Emma Myers, *EM Consultants*