

Committee for the Restoration and Beautification of Randolph Cemetery

Modjeska Simkins House, 2025 Marion St., Columbia, SC

Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2009, 6:00pm

Call to Order

President Carlos Smith called the meeting to order.

October 15th Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the October 15th meeting were approved with necessary corrections.

Treasurer's Report

There was no treasurer's report given for this meeting. Mr. Boyd did report that the only transaction since the last report was payment of \$70.00 for annual post office box rental. Robin Waites stated that she would prepare a report of the state funds to give to the committee.

Landscaping by Sox & Freeman

Keilah Spann gave a report of the landscaping work done by Sox & Freeman. Carlos showed slides of pictures he took November 16, 2009 of the work done thus far by Sox & Freeman.

Fund Raising

Carlos distributed fund raising documents to the group for review. Information will be discussed at the January meeting. We need to develop a fund raising plan that would include on-line donations.

Landscaping/Grass Cutting for 2010

Keilah reported that the contract has not been awarded to either of the three contractors who submitted bids. They are AA Landscaping, Adams and Peaceful Reapers. Keilah will revisit the RFP to make sure the submitted bids are in keeping with the Cemetery Code. A decision should be made at the next meeting.

Property at 1623 Richland Street

The house has been vacated by the occupants. There is an interested buyer. Carlos and Mr. Boyd will pay a site visit to the house to try and determine its present condition. Robin is researching the deed and will. We need to explore the options for the house to sell or renovate for commercial or residential use.

Restoration Contract

Keilah reported that the entire cemetery needs to be restored. Four companies have submitted bids as a result of the RFP. They are Chicora Foundation, Inc., Dan LePore & Sons Company, Kreilick Conservation, LLC, and Rock Master's, LLC. The contract was awarded to Kreilick Conservation. Work will begin in January 2010 and projected end in March 2010. Phase I of the project will include the area from Randolph to Nance.

Educational Curriculum Development

Keilah is working with Richland Country School District 2 to develop a 5 to 10 page curriculum book to be used as a supplement text for 8th and 11th grades. The curriculum will give the rich history and significance of Benjamin F. Randolph and the Randolph Cemetery. Keilah will also develop a brochure documenting the history of Randolph Cemetery.

Adjournment

Next Meeting

January 21, 2010 at 6:00pm

Carlos Smith, President
Maeward S. Belk, Secretary