

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

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

Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2010, 6:00pm

Attendees: Carlos L. Smith-President, Cornell H. Boyd-Treasurer, Maeward Belk-Secretary, Keilah Spann, Staci Richey, James & Doris Hildebrand, T. Scott Kreilick, Dora Zitzmann

### Call to Order

President Carlos Smith called the meeting to order. Carlos introduced and welcomed T. Scott Kreilick, President and CEO of Kreilick Conservation, LLC and his associate Dora Zitzmann.

### January 21, 2010 Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the January 21 meeting were distributed and reviewed. A motion was made by Cornell Boyd to accept the minutes with corrections. James Hildebrand seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with corrections noted.

### Treasurer's Report

Cornell Boyd reported the balance at First Citizens Bank as January 31 was \$2,145.78. The only transaction since then was an automatic draft payment to the City of Columbia in the amount of \$19.20 for storm water drainage at the cemetery. The treasurer's report was accepted as information

### Status of Donation Letter

Keilah Spann distributed a draft copy of the donation letter prepared by the Regina Monteith, Sandra Mitchell and Traci Collins. The letter was reviewed and changes were recommended. James Hildebrand moved to accept the letter with recommended changes. Cornell Boyd seconded the motion. Keilah agreed to update the letter and have it ready by the next meeting.

### Property at 1623 Richland Street

Carlos reported that the house next door to the property owned by the committee has been put on the market for sale. It is listed at \$175,000.00. The current plan for the committee's property is to have the locks changed, get the house appraised and place the house on the market for sale as is, by owner.

### Status of Property Tax Exemption

Carlos reported that he will meet with the County Treasurer Monday to determine the status of the tax exemption request for the house at 1623 Richland Street. He also plans to request a refund of property taxes paid retroactive to tax year 2007. He will report back to the committee at the next meeting.

### Status of Restoration Project

T. Scott Kreilick, President and CEO of Kreilick Conservation attended the meeting along with one of his associates, Dora Zitzmann. Mr. Kreilick gave an excellent PowerPoint presentation of some of the restoration work being done at Randolph Cemetery. They are in phase 1 of the restoration project and are in the process of completing restoration on the thirty-four (34) monuments identified for phase 1.

### Restoration Project

Keilah reported that T. Scott Kreilick will give a restoration workshop Saturday at 9:00a.m. at Randolph Cemetery. Right now there are about 10 students interested in attending the workshop.

### Community Outreach to Combat Vandalism at Randolph Cemetery

Keilah along with the Downtown Cemetery Task Force met with the police officer assigned to the cemetery to discuss what safety measures could be put in place to reduce and/or prevent vandalism at Randolph and other downtown cemeteries.

### Other

The State Preservation Conference is scheduled for March 3-6 in Georgetown. Keilah will be a panelist and will give a presentation about Randolph Cemetery.

Mr. E. Perry Palmer, one of Randolph Cemetery's board members and avid supporters, passed away recently. Robin Waites donated \$100.00 to the Palmer family on behalf of Randolph. Members of the Committee were asked to help reimburse Robin for the donation.

Adjournment

Next Meeting

March 18, 2010 at 6:00pm, place TBA.

Carlos Smith, President

Maeward S. Belk, Secretary