Historic Evergreen Cemetery Executive Planning and Review Team Minutes

August 28, 2018

5:30–7:00 p.m., Seminar Room #1, Claude G. Perkins Living and Learning Center, Virginia Union University

Team members present:

Mr. Archer, Ms. Baskerville, Ms. Bell, Mr. Burke, Ms. Campbell, Ms. Davis, Ms. Gilpin, Ms. Lauderdale, Dr. Mickens, Mr. Mitchell, Ms. Noel, Dr. Ritter, Ms. Rogers, Mr. Shuck, Mr. Smith, Ms. Waller, Mr. Waller

Facilitators present:

Ms. Cameron, Mr. Delbridge, Dr. Maris-Wolf

Meeting Agenda:

ExPRT Meeting Minutes: August 28, 2018

- The fourth ExPRT Meeting held on August 28, 2018 at Virginia Union University began with approval of the prior meeting minutes and introductions from new attendees.
- The group selected a secretary and assistant secretary to fulfill the responsibility of record keeping of meetings. Marilyn Campbell submitted her name and accepted the role of Secretary and Mary Lauderdale volunteered as Assistant Secretary. A motion was made and properly seconded to accept the candidates. Motion carried.
- Discussion was held on the evening's task of better defining the Historic Evergreen Cemetery's vision, mission and key strategic objectives in breakout sessions:
 - Each group used key words of description from previous meetings to guide and encourage use of key points to reflect a refined definition and meaning.
 - Team members were asked to consider the script for use in community interaction, collaboration and education about Historic Evergreen Cemetery.
 - Groups reported out their findings:
 - Mission selection: To reveal honor and celebrate the lives and legacies of African Americans through public programming, education (instilling knowledge) and preservation
 - Vision selection: To education and inspire our nation by sharing life stories of African American heritage, culture, integrity and resilience
 - "We must amplify the meaning of Evergreen's history and lifestyle that has never been shared."
 - Community conversations and co-facilitation planning of proposed interactions are to begin in October, 2018
 - A request for facilitators to host community conversations will be sent to members for commitments by the September 25, meeting
 - The community conversations are an opportunity to gather information, documents, and scan photos from families of Evergreen
 - o Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.