Historic Evergreen Cemetery Executive Planning and Review Team Minutes

March 26, 2019

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. Fleming, Ms. Gilpin, Mr. Hopkins, Ms. Libron, Ms. Mitchell, Mr. Mitchell, Ms. Moore, Ms. Rogers, Mr. Shuck, Mr. Smith

Facilitators present:

Dr. Ted Maris-Wolf, Mr. Alan Delbridge

Guests:

Mr. John Sydnor, Ex. Director Enrichmond; Mr. Andrew Kohr, Manager, Pond & Co.

Meeting Agenda:

- Welcome and Introduction
 - The eleventh ExPRT Meeting held March 26, 2019 at Virginia Union University began with approval of the February 19, 2019 meeting minutes introduced by Secretary, Marilyn Campbell. A motion was made to receive the minutes by Al Smith. Minutes were properly seconded by John Mitchell. The motion was carried.
- Introduction of Special Guests

Mr. John Sydnor, executive director of the Enrichmond Foundation Mr. Andrew Kohr, Project manager, Pond & Co. firm, Ms. Erykah Hopkins

- Update on Evergreen Cemetery
 - Alan Delbridge gave a report of the volunteers working on the grounds. They have had 500 volunteers as of January, 2019. Expectations are high that the 2019 count will be quite high. Mr. Delbridge asked that if anyone has connections let him know.
- ExPRT updates
 - Media coverage recently: An article in Style magazine, broadcast station coverage of a cleanup in the county with youth. Youth shared participated in the cleanup at Evergreen and inspired formation of a group to clean up in their community.
 - Local announcements shared: Viola Baskerville to interview Ms. Kenyatta Berry, genealogist and author at the Library of Virginia event, March 27. Meeting of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society/Greater Richmond Virginia Chapter will be held March 31, 2019 at the Main branch Richmond Public Library, 10:30 a.m. Meetings are held the last Saturday, every other month.
- Revised ExPRT Charter

- Mr. Maris-Wolf asked for the position on the revised charter draft sent to all. A
 motion was made by Veronica Davis to delay the vote on the draft until the next
 meeting. It was seconded by Maurice Hopkins. The motion carried. Any questions
 or comments can be sent in prior to meeting
- Master-Planning Activity
 - Pond & Co. master-planning team with Andrew Kohr, presiding.
 - Discussions were held in in three main groups with ExPRT members to cover, (a) Circulation and access approach (b)Visitor services (c) Preservation. This was followed by a summary of each group team.
 - Pond & Co. will compile the input and share back in future meetings. Mr. Kohr expressed appreciation for having the ExPRT team to share their input.
- Meeting adjourned 7:48 p.m.
- Future meeting date from 5:30-7:00 p.m.:
 - o Tuesday April 23, 2019