

**Historic Evergreen Cemetery
Executive Planning and Review Team Minutes (DRAFT)**

August 27, 2019 reporting / July 23, 2019 meeting

**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, Ms. Campbell, Mr. Hopkins, Ms. Lauderdale, Ms. Libron, Mr. Mitchell, Ms. Mitchell, Ms. Orton, Ms. Pratt, Ms. Rogers, Mr. Shuck, Mr. Smith

Facilitator present:

Dr. Ted Maris-Wolf

Guests:

Alvin Jones, Paige Stevens

Meeting Agenda:

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- Welcome and Introduction
 - Introductions
 - The fifteenth ExPRT Meeting held July 23, 2019 at Virginia Union University began with approval of the June 25, 2019 meeting minutes introduced by Secretary, Ms. Marilyn Campbell. A motion was made to receive the minutes by Mr. Al Smith and properly seconded by Ms. Viola Baskerville. Mr. Hopkins opposition in discussion expressed the inclusion in minutes, that Da-Mosi Brown-Gorham expressed that it was quite difficult for him to make small cemeteries work.. Mr. Hopkins recommended developing a coop system to create a greater buying power. The motion was carried.
 - Guest, photographer Paige Stevens was introduced. She was present to take photographs of ExPRT Team members. Alvin Jones shared that he is attending the meeting see how he better become involved with the Team.
- ExPRT member brief updates
 - Viola Baskerville shared that ExPRT members were present at City Council meeting Monday, July 22 to be recognized by City Council on the work the team is doing in the community. She thanked all who were with her in attendance and expressed that the goal is to become more visible in the community and make our presence known in Henrico as well and meet with the County Board of Supervisors. Ms. Campbell commented that the presentation from City Council did not express their knowledge of the Evergreen property existing in Henrico and Richmond. Ms. Campbell expressed the need for this Team to research the history of Evergreen to develop the most accurate possible. Ms. Baskerville recommended developing white pages with bullet points about the historical truth and share when future presentations are given. Mr. Hopkins expressed that the comment from one of the Councilpersons denoted the mix up with Woodland and Evergreen Cemetery. Ms. Lyons recommended using quotes from ExPRT members on our website to better assure proper reference documenting and using our voice. Mr. Maris-Wolf emphasized that the Team has a great opportunity to use our voice to convey important, significant data through our quotes and comments in the draft of the Masterplan. Mr. John Shuck shared an update on the progress of work that has been mapped in the cemetery. Ms. Baskerville suggested that Team Members carry cards, of what people can do, volunteer, donate, watch the Enrichmond website for updates on the restoration process. Nadia Orton

shared that she has been researching working on interments that have no names. She has reached nationally to find relatives of those laid to rest. Has been going around to different cemeteries in counties and become involved with other groups. Currently, Ms. Orton is on her 14,852th interment in Evergreen cemetery.

- Update on operations, research and training programs
 - Facilitator, Ted Maris gave shouts out to Franklyn Archer, Janith Libron, Mary Lauderdale, Maurice Hopkins, Al Smith, John Shuck, Viola Baskerville, Marilyn Campbell, Kelly Pratt, Alvin Jones, and Janine Bell. The team gave Ted Maris-Wolf a warm applause and memorable cards with well wishes to his next destination.
- Master Planning Committee Update
 - Dr. Maris-Wolf distributed Chapters 1-6 of the master plan draft. The team was divided in three groups to review and discuss the three key chapters – Chapters 3, 5, and 6. Topics discussed included the lighting at night, familiarity of the kinds of animals in the cemetery, anticipated cost break outs, and listing questions to note for each chapter for the masterplan committee.
- Notice of Departure – Facilitator Dr. Ted Maris-Wolf will leave Enrichmond Foundation to pursue career goals effective immediately.
- Meeting adjourned 7:30 p.m.
- Next meeting dates on Tuesday, from 5:30-7:00 p.m.:
 - August 27, 2019
 - September 24, 2019
 - October, 22, 2019
 - December 17, 2019
 - January 14, 2020
 - February 18, 2020
 - March 24, 2020
 - April 21, 2020
 - May 26, 2020