

City of Raleigh Historic Cemeteries Advisory Board (CORCHAB)-  
Monthly Meeting

**Tucker House\*418 N. Person Street  
October 13, 2014**

**Members Present:**

Jane Thurman  
Danny Morgan  
David Brown  
Jimmy Thiem  
Jenny Harper  
Terry Harper  
Jose Fraser

Absent, excused: Wayne Schindler  
Danny Coleman

**CALL TO ORDER**

Jimmy Thiem called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

**DISCUSSION**

No public comments were received.

The Board reviewed and unanimously approved the minutes from the July 14, 2014 meeting.

**Committee reports**

1. Landscape-

- a. Jenny summarized findings from the 9/18 site visit to City Cemetery. These minutes are attached for reference.

Jose brought up a concern about the appearance of the chain link fencing at the City Cemetery. He mentioned that he wanted visit City Cemetery with Gary McConnell to discuss fencing options. Jimmy suggested that Jose share his concerns with the Landscape Committee first.

Terry expressed concerns about some of the recommendations from the site visit, such as planting Japanese maples and possibly planting trees on original pathways identified in the African-American cemetery.

- b. David reviewed notes from the 10/13 Landscape Committee meeting. He mentioned the idea of planting evergreens on the eastern boundary and then planting trees along corner of Hargett and East streets. The cyclone fencing on eastern boundary is presently set back approximately 6 inches from the City's property line. David also discussed the proposed planting plan at O'Rorke-Catholic Cemetery.

David mentioned he would like to hold a discussion at the Board's November meeting related to the landscape plan for City Cemetery. Jimmy agreed that 30 minutes could be allocated for that discussion.

2. Maintenance Committee- Jane noted that she, Danny, and Christy met with Dean to discuss needed repairs to the mausoleums at City Cemetery. Dean identified needed grading work and iron work. He noted that the door of the Saunders mausoleum can be refurbished but likely a permit from the Wake County Health Department will be required. The Board will need to determine funding priorities for these repairs.
3. Volunteer Committee- No report

**Chair and Staff Report-** Jimmy noted that the social event will be held in November after an abbreviated meeting. Other issues will be pushed held until the December meeting.

### **Old Business**

Hillcrest Friends Group- Jimmy recapped the meeting held in August.

Jimmy reviewed his draft Programmatic COA for grave markers. There was a brief discussion of the purpose of this COA. Highlights of the discussion are below.

Obelisks typically aren't installed today. Terry suggested that anyone wanting to install an obelisk should go through the Raleigh Historic Development Commission for approval.

It was suggested that anything to be installed at City Cemetery should go before Commission for approval.

It was noted that the Programmatic COA will mostly apply to Mt. Hope Cemetery (the older section, not the new section.)

Jimmy offered to accept edits from the Board and bring it back for a final review. He will schedule a meeting with the HDC COA committee to begin discussions.

Jimmy noted that the programmatic COA could just be done for 1-2 cemeteries, not all three. He questioned whether the descriptions need to be adapted for each cemetery.

One suggestion was to just prepare the programmatic COA for Mt. Hope and let installations at City Cemetery and O'Rourke require review by RHDC.

A question was raised as to whether RHDC would consider the programmatic COA it to be a minor works approval vs. major works approval.

### **New Business-None**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

The next meeting of the Historic Cemetery Advisory Board is scheduled for November 10, 2014.

END OF REPORT