

ANNUAL WORK PLAN

HISTORIC CEMETERIES ADVISORY BOARD

FY 2024-2025

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INTRODUCTION

On September 2, 2008, the Raleigh City Council accepted the Strategic Plan for the Inventory, Conservation, and Management of Raleigh's Historic Cemeteries prepared by the Chicora Foundation, Inc. and authorized the establishment of a stakeholder group to work collaboratively with Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department (PRCR) staff on the implementation of the plan. The Board was established by Council in January 2009 and has met regularly since March 2009.

The City of Raleigh Historic Cemeteries Advisory Board advises the Raleigh City Council and the City of Raleigh Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department on issues related to cemetery restoration and revitalization, funding and donorship, interpretation and heritage tourism of the city's three historic cemeteries: City Cemetery, Mt. Hope Cemetery and O'Rorke-Catholic Cemetery.

CORHCAB continues its partnership with the friends' group and non-profit Raleigh City Cemeteries Preservation, Inc. (RCCP). RCCP has been very supportive of historic preservation efforts in terms of volunteer time, fundraising efforts, and restoration work in the city's historic cemeteries.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the HCAB shall be to promote, encourage, support, or undertake, either individually or jointly with governmental agencies and/or others, the advocacy and advancement of public knowledge and awareness of Raleigh's historic cemeteries, and to provide general advice, guidance, and professional recommendations to the Raleigh Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department in carrying out the duties and responsibilities associated with Raleigh's city cemeteries. The HCAB may also consider issues of historic or archaeological significance as they may relate to other cemetery properties owned and managed by the City.

GOALS FOR FY24-25

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Goal 1: Include education as a core mission of Raleigh's historic cemeteries by working with educators to create K-12 standards-driven activities and other materials to encourage youth to engage with cemeteries.

Goal 2: Establish and maintain a social media presence to effectively educate the public about the historical significance and preservation efforts of our city's cemeteries.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Goal 1: Represent the HCAB at future City-sponsored special events and other events around Raleigh.

Goal 2: Increase public awareness of historic cemeteries and HCAB accomplishments through focused initiatives.

- a. Coordinate with William Peace University to promote the work done to restore and preserve the Peace Plot in City Cemetery.
- b. Coordinate with local African American civic leaders to host tours of Mount Hope Cemetery and City Cemetery and/or a graveside memorial services for formerly enslaved persons.
- c. Work with the Dix Park Conservancy to have the Dix Hospital Cemetery designated as a Raleigh Historic Landmark.
- d. Develop and produce a brochure about the Dix Hospital Cemetery.
- e. Coordinate with organizations such as Wreaths Across America, Raleigh Chapters of Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution, and Society of the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge to conduct graveside memorials and other activities to honor veterans.

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