

Cobb County Historic Preservation Commission
Public Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2024

Commission members present: Ms. Bev Jackson, Chair, Ms. Gerri Aldridge, Ms. Sharman Southall, and Ms. Rose Wing

Staff present: Ms. Mandy Elliott

WORK SESSION & PUBLIC MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 6:13 p.m. by Ms. Jackson and a quorum was declared.

Public Comment

No comments.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Wing made the motion to approve the November 2023 minutes. Ms. Southall seconded the motion. The HPC unanimously approved the minutes from the November 2023 meeting.

Unfinished Business

African American Cemeteries Project and Maintenance Manual - Ms. Jackson opened up the topic of the grant for African American cemeteries. Staff provided an overview of the grant since it opened in December and applications are due February 1, 2024. There were questions and discussion of the grant categories and what projects would fall under the categories. There was discussion on archaeology surveys, maintenance manual, and signage. Ms. Southall gave an overview of her research into maintenance manuals and what information was available. Ms. Jackson emphasized the need that any manual would be targeted to the lay person and be easy to understand. She also wanted to ensure the manual did focus on those characteristics unique to African American cemeteries. The HPC discussed possibilities of doing some filming at a Jonesville Cemetery clean-up (scheduled for January 27). There was discussion with members of the Cobb County Cemetery Preservation Commission who were present (Ms. Helga Hong and Mr. Jimi Richards) about their thoughts on a manual and proposed archaeology surveys. Ms. Southall made a motion to apply for an African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund grant for archaeology surveys at Ebenezer Cemetery, Henderson Cemetery, Jonesville Cemetery, Little Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery, and Noonday Extension Cemetery and a maintenance manual. Ms. Wing seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Other Business

N/A

New Business

New Certificates of Appropriateness

N/A

New Applications – Cobb County Register of Historic Places

N/A

Other Business

Dobbins ARB Personnel Recognition – The HPC discussed presenting a certificate or plaque to the staff at Dobbins who have cared for Jonesville Cemetery. Timing for the presentation was discussed and whether it should be done by the HPC and/or the Board of Commissioners. Staff will look into the possibilities.

Public Comments

No comments.

Announcements

No comments.

Board Member Comments

No comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 pm.