AFRICAN BURYING GROUND COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2010   **PORTSMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY**   **3:30 P.M.**
Seacoast African-American Cultural Center

Present: Vernis Jackson, Chair; Mary Bailey, Vice Chair; Valerie Cunningham;
                      Kelvin Edwards

Also Present: Nike Speltz; David Moore, Community Development Director; Cindy
                      Hayden, Deputy City Manager; Jerome Meadows; Roberta Woodburn

Absent: Councilor Christine Dwyer; Suzanne M. Woodland (Ex-Officio); Steve Parkinson (Ex-
                      officio)

Chairwoman Jackson opened the meeting and recognized David Moore, who explained that earlier in the day City staff had held project and design meetings with the design team, which includes Jerome Meadows and Robbi Woodburn. Mr. Moore indicated that the group discussed technical details related to project construction and that additional discussion was needed to take place with the Committee regarding final design.

Mr. Meadows and Ms. Woodburn were then recognized to discuss several of the remaining design details such as the development of a 1/3 scale version of the entry sculpture for Committee input; the finalization of text for the petition line, and the information marker. The Committee also discussed a project plaque location and its desire to recognize the burials of those who bodies which were identified but not exhumed. At a future design meeting, it was agreed that City staff and the design team would come back with the text content and final technical recommendations for these issues.

In response to questions about where the direct project donors, Ms. Hayden indicated that she and Mr. Moore would develop a protocol for Committee members regarding how contributions should be directed.

The Committee determined the next meeting should be dedicated to fundraising effort and the next steps with the various community volunteers who have offered to assist.

The Committee generally discussed the need to coordinate all project developments and materials with the fundraising group of volunteers to insure a consistent message using common language is utilized.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.