

**ACCEPTED JULY 8, 2014**

**AFRICAN BURYING GROUND COMMITTEE  
MEETING SUMMARY**

**FEBRUARY 19, 2013**

**HILTON GARDEN INN ROOM  
PORTSMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**2:15 P.M.**

**Present:** Vernis Jackson, Chair (participated via phone); Mary Bailey, Vice Chair; Valerie Cunningham; Councilor Dwyer, Kelvin Edwards

**Also Present:** Jerome Meadows, Meadowlark Studios; Dave Allen, Deputy City Manager; David Moore, Community Development Director

**Absent:**

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In the absence of the Chair, Vice-Chair Bailey opened the meeting and recognized Mr. Moore. Mr. Moore advised that the Chair was participating via telephone and Skype. Mr. Moore briefly reviewed the purpose of the meeting at the invitation of the meeting's chair. He recognized Mr. Meadows and reviewed the agenda, which included consulting with Mr. Meadows via Skype on the progress of the entry piece sculpture, which had been produced in clay and awaiting input from the Committee. The Committee members each shared their favorable impressions of Mr. Meadows work and provided feedback on certain features, which Mr. Meadows indicated he would be able to incorporate in the finalization of the work. Mr. Meadows reviewed the next steps in completing the sculpture. A few additional updates were provided to the Committee the call prior to adjournment. Mr. Moore provided an update to the Committee on the status of the legislation being considered in the NH Legislature regarding the Petition of 1779 and the positive comments and exposure that effort was bringing to the project. He also provided a status update on fundraising and, in coordination with the fundraising volunteers working on the event, reminded them about the event at the Music Hall and candlelight procession to the African Burying Ground that would take place later in the week.