

ACCEPTED JULY 8, 2014

**AFRICAN BURYING GROUND COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY**

DECEMBER 12, 2013

**MACLEOD BOARD ROOM
PORTSMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY**

5:00 P.M.

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

Also Present: George Carlisle; Stephanie Seacord; Janet Prince; Morey Goodman; Dave Allen, Deputy City Manager; David Moore, Community Development Director

Absent:

Chair Jackson opened the meeting and welcomed the fundraising volunteers. She expressed her sincere appreciation on behalf of the Committee for all of the volunteers' work to raise the funds to date. Mr. Moore was then recognized to provide a brief update on funds raised to date, which was \$880,000. Mr. Moore briefly reviewed current efforts of the volunteers, recent press, and planned next steps including events to raise awareness of Burying Ground site and raise remaining funds. The Committee and the volunteers discussed progress to date. The attendees agreed that the joint meetings provide a good opportunity to share information and check in on progress. Various fundraising events and activities for 2013 were sketched out. It was agreed that Mr. Moore would continue to update the Committee on the efforts of the Volunteers as appropriate

The Committee members expressed appreciation for the hard work and dedication of the fundraising volunteers.