

**AFRICAN BURYING GROUND COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY**

APRIL 16, 2015 MACLEOD BOARD ROOM PORTSMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY 3:00 P.M.

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

Also Present: David Moore, Assistant City Manager for Special Projects/Community Development
Director; Stephanie Seacord; JerriAnne Boggis

Absent: Mary Bailey, Vice Chair

Chair Jackson opened the meeting and indicated the meeting was set to prepare for the reburial events and for the Committee members discuss the status of the student art event, the vigil, the reburial ceremony and the public celebration. Mr. Moore provided general updates on fundraising notes, press inquiries, development of materials for the events and a construction completion timeline as well as other efforts to bring City departments together in preparation for the multiple events.

Then each Committee member lead for each event described preparations for the May events. Kelvin Edwards reviewed Vigil preparations joined JerrieAnne and Valerie; Valerie and JerriAnne updated the group on reburial ceremony preparations; and Councilor Dwyer and Vernis Jackson updated the Committee on public celebration preparations. A detailed discussion about site logistics and other coordination details took place with each Member and volunteers indicating work is in progressing well.

The Committee meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 4:30 p.m.