

Abandoned and Neglected Cemeteries Commission Meeting Summary

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What: Cemeteries Commission meeting to review draft of action plan.

In attendance: Commission members: Jerry Spinks, Chair. Brenda Ezell, Jon Ferguson, Emily Lisska, Hazel Mack, Joel McEachin, Richard Mueller, Louise Warren. Concerned citizens: Earlene Hart, Dianne Johnson, John Johnson, Len Loving, Shannon Palmer, John Pittman, Kenneth Reddick, Linda Rosenblatt, Dwight Sayles, Thomas Waters, Martha Weeks. JCCI staff: Ben Warner, Steve Rankin.

Meeting Time: 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Discussion: Mr. Spinks welcomed everyone and explained that it was unlikely the group would complete today its review of the draft of the action plan circulated to the Commissioners on November 2. He noted that he was also attempting to schedule in the next couple of weeks one or possibly two open meetings at sites away from JCCI headquarters to provide additional opportunities for public comment prior to the Commission completing its work. It was agreed that after these public forums, a wrap-up meeting will be held on Friday, November 30 from 9:00-10:30 a.m. to conclude the Commission's deliberations.

Mr. Warner then facilitated the group in a review of the proposed action plan, including identification of the major issues of the project and recommendations to address them. Reviewing the document point by point, the Commissioners and many of the concerned citizens present provided input for improving its content and wording. When time expired, approximately two-thirds of the review was completed, leaving the remainder for the November 30 meeting. It was agreed that a revised copy of that portion of the action plan reviewed at this meeting will be emailed to each Commissioner as soon as possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.