

ACCEPTED ON OCTOBER 21, 2010

**AFRICAN BURYING GROUND COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

JULY 13, 2010

**PORTSMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY
MacLeod Board Room**

10:00 A.M.

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

Also Present: Nike Speltz; David Moore, Assistant Community Development Director; Cindy
Hayden, Deputy City Manager

Absent: Suzanne M. Woodland (Ex-Officio); Steve Parkinson (Ex-Officio)

Chairwoman Jackson opened the meeting and the Committee considered the minutes from the June 23, 2010 meeting. The meeting minutes passed unanimously.

The Committee then reported out on their conversations with Community members who may be interested in fulfilling roles related to the fundraising effort for the project. It was agreed that a meeting would be held in August in which members of the community with experience in fundraising, media, public relations and history as well as other disciplines would be invited to share their thoughts on an effective public communications strategy for the effort.

After that discussion, the Committee discussed its own ideas about project themes and messages that should be emphasized during a fundraising effort.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.