

**Historic Evergreen Cemetery
Executive Planning and Review Team Minutes**

June 26, 2018

**5:30–7:00 p.m., Seminar Room #1, Claude G. Perkins Living and Learning Center,
Virginia Union University**

Team members present:

Mr. Archer, Ms. Baskerville, Ms. Bell, Ms. Belsches, Mr. Brinkley, Ms. Campbell, Mr. Cannon, Ms. Davis, Ms. Fleming, Mr. Harris, Rev. Heckstall, Mr. Hopkins, Ms. James, Ms. Lauderdale, Ms. Libron, Mr. Mickens, Ms. Mickens, Mr. Mitchell, Ms. Moore, Dr. Ritter, Ms. Rogers, Mr. Smith, Mr. Waller

Facilitators present:

Ms. Cameron, Mr. Delbridge, Dr. Gough, Dr. Maris-Wolf, Mr. Watkins

Meeting Agenda:

ExPRT Meeting Minutes: June 26, 2018

- The second ExPRT Meeting held on June 26, 2018 at Virginia Union University began with approval of the prior meeting minutes and introductions from new attendees.
- The group then provided feedback from the last meeting and ExPRT documents:
 - Ms. Campbell and Ms. Fleming asked questions regarding the language of the ExPRT Charter. In particular, the language around “dissolve, reorganize, or otherwise alter the structure of the Team”. Mr. Maris-Wolf invited suggestions, which he would then share with Enrichmond colleagues for consideration.
 - Mr. Hopkins asked, “What is the end goal?” and inquired what the timeline is for community engagement and the restoration plan
 - The group discussed that the community engagement process is ongoing while the restoration plan is not defined, however, there are certain parameters of the space itself.
 - Also, one of the purposes of the ExPRT is to define what restoration means and also identify the community
 - Group members agreed that one of the greatest challenges is sustainability and how community engagement plays a huge role in sustaining involvement throughout the process
 - Another concern expressed mentioned the need to incorporate Woodland, East End, and Paupers in this community engagement process.
- **Observations from breakout groups:**
 - Each group highlighted key themes overall during breakout sessions:
 - Team members requested talking points in order to ensure everyone is communicating the same message and on the same page.
 - Another theme expressed in each group was to create a website for Evergreen that is a collaborative effort and will provide an opportunity for

input and allow people to post information about their memories of Evergreen.

- Involving the youth in the Evergreen restoration and help them to understand why it is important
 - Need to share the stories, memories, and history of Evergreen in the broader Richmond landscape
 - The community conversations are an opportunity to gather information, documents, and scan photos from families of Evergreen
- Team members continued to ask - what do we want to know from the community? And why ongoing community engagement is so important for Evergreen.