

*African Cemetery No. 2 - Semi-Annual Board Meeting
19 November 2024
6:00 pm Eastside Public Library*

Restoring and
Preserving Our Past



Agenda

Greetings

1. Treasurer's Report

- A. Assets
- B. Bills to pay

2. Old Business

A. Summary of Events

- a. Women's Month Videography (March)
- b. Oliver Lewis Anniversary Program - Lyric Theater (May)
- c. Derby Week Tour (May)
- d. Equine Educational Luncheon Series - Mt. Brilliant Farm

(May)

- e. Juneteenth 2024 (June)
- f. Katherine Mooney Talk Fasig Tipton (July)
- g. Randall Vaughn - Tandy/Byrd Talk (July)
- h. George Wright - October 5: RCO Benjamin (October)
- i. Tree Week - October 15
- j. Veteran's Day - Plaque Rededication (November)
- k. Katherine Mooney Reception - 21 November 6:30 pm

McCarthy's

Bar (November)

[In addition there were two professional film crews using the cemetery as a backdrop for documentaries in progress and an amateur videographer, Brennan Hoskins, from Harrison Co. completing a project for the Governor's Scholars for the Arts. The cemetery is listed with VisitLEX.com as a site for filming. There were visitors from The Monuments Project at the University of Kentucky and also Churchill Downs Education and Outreach.]

B. Grants

- a. Tree Planting Grant With Trees Lexington from Lex Grow Trees (ca. \$50,000)
- b. \$400 from Down to Earth Garden Club for Planting Black-eyed Susans
- c. LFUCG Parks and Recreation - Juneteenth funding (\$5,000)

C. Volunteer Groups

- a. In no particular order: 4H, Alpha Kappa Alpha (twice), Boy Scouts Troop

382, Down to Earth Garden Club, Hoe and Hope
Garden Club, The Ed
Brown Group, Governor's Scholars for the Arts (twice),
KY Cabinet for
Health and Human Services, Phi Lambda Sigma - UK
Pharmacy, UK SGA,
Wildcat Wranglers, LDS, Trees Lexington, King
Solomon's Masonic Lodge
#8

b. Special Shout out to volunteers 'B' Meade and Jacob Kauwe
and Howard
Meyer

- D. Summary on T-shirt sales.
- E. 501c(3) status granted (Allan and the UK Legal Clinic)
- F. Farm Service Number obtained
- G. Wood chip and firewood services successful

3. New Business

A. Juneteenth 2025

a. June 14 7-8:30 Juneteenth on June 14 which is also Flag Day.
Sgt Robert

Bell guest speaker.

- B. Bluestar Memorial Marker (April 26ish)
- C. Bench (turning white pine trunk into a suitable artistic bench)
- D. KY Colonels Grant Application (tree removal on fence line and chipping)
- E. Oliver Lewis birthday is December 22
- F. VisitLEX African American Heritage Trail tour has been launched - brochures that give details
- G. KY African American Heritage Tourism is launching a digital platform in 2025.

African Cemetery No. 2 is included.

H. Untold Stories of African Americans in Gatton Park on the Town Branch. Several of the men from our database were featured.

I. New walking tour brochures topics:

- a. Hemp workers
- b. Railroad employees

J. Plans for 250th Anniversary of Lexington

4. Announcements

A. Landscaping season is over until March

a. Weather-permitting maintenance Tues, Thurs, Saturday through winter

- B. Compass Management is investigating an affordable Housing Project on Shropshire Avenue adjacent to the cemetery. Yvonne Giles and M.S. Coyne met with the owners to evaluate if there would be any impact on the property and concluded there would be none.
- C. Bluegrass Auto Parts has closed, although the facility is still quasi-operational. We have identified an alternative location to receive and store military markers.
- D. 6AM City added African Cemetery No. 2 to its list of unofficial historic locators.
- E. Tentative events for 2025 include a talk by Frank X Walker, Tour of Tandy/Bird buildings in Lexington, A Marker Cleaning Event. In addition, a program associated with Lexington's 250th Anniversary is anticipated.
- F. Need to create a budget for new and updated brochures.

5. Adjourn

Updates:

Since the November 2024 Annual meeting these changes have occurred:

1. We entered into negotiations with a professional artist to convert the pine log into benches.
2. Our application for accreditation as a Class I Arboretum was approved by ArbNet and is listed on their website (ArbNet.org)
3. We were ruled ineligible to apply for funding from the KY Colonels Good Works Program until 2025 because our 501(c)(3) status was so new.
4. David Jackson of King Solomon's Lodge #8 will be joining the Board as a new member.