

Meeting Minutes

City of Newnan Farmer Street Cemetery Commission Monday, August 5, 2024 6:00 pm – Newnan City Hall

Members: Jocelyn Palmer, Loren Taylor, Christina Joseph, Veda Brooks

Staff: Hasco Craver

Guests: Sydney Thompson (POND), Danny (AAA), Buck (AAA), Terri Gillet (New South),
Velma Fann (New South)

1. The meeting was called to order by Jocelyn Palmer at 6:01pm.
2. Veda Brooks made a motion to accept the May 2024 and July 2024 meeting minutes. Christina Joseph seconded the motion. The motion carried.
3. Continuing Business
 - a. Sydney Thompson presented design concepts for signage types. See attached document. Staff members from New South provided input and guidance during the presentation. The commission was supportive of the following:
 - i. NPS Style Single Pedestal in Ground Sign; and
 - ii. Dark Brown Powder Coated Aluminum (color); and
 - iii. Both signage types with “trees” in top/header area; and
 - iv. Century Gothic Font for the body text; and
 - v. Trajen Font for the header text; and
 - vi. Option 1: Gateway Signage
 - b. Jocelyn Palmer initiated a conversation among the FSCC and its desire to discuss the use of the term “cemetery” or “burial ground”. Velma mentioned that the terms are synonymous. However, Velma encouraged the FSCC members to consider how each term may make an individual feel. Jocelyn Palmer mentioned that she asked the African American Alliance to survey its visitors and members. Dr. Danny Allen reported that the Alliance surveyed 49 individuals in total. Dr. Allen mentioned that 7 individuals preferred the term “cemetery” and 42 individuals preferred the term “burial ground”. Dr. Allen suggested that the FSCC consider naming the site the “Newnan Historic African American Burial Ground”. Jocelyn mentioned that the Newnan City Council will be responsible for naming the site. FSCC members discussed several names utilizing the term “burial ground”. Hasco Craver suggested that the FSCC members not feel that they must make a decision at the meeting. Instead, the FSCC may consider naming options over the next few weeks and be prepared to discuss a final recommendation at the next meeting. The FSCC was supportive of using the term “burial ground”.

4. New Business

- a. Hasco Craver mentioned that the next regularly scheduled meeting is in conflict with the Labor Day holiday. FSCC members suggested that the group meet virtually on Monday, October 7, 2024.

5. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm.

**Next Meeting:
October 7, 2024
6:00pm
VIRTUAL**