

Georgia Council on American Indian Concerns  
Historic Preservation Division  
254 Washington Street SW  
Ground Level  
Minutes  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
October 9, 2013 1:30 p.m.

Call to Order

Present: McCormick, Wallsmith, Nicklas, McCrary, Kirkland, Crews, Jones, Altman  
Guests: Wayne Grundle (Jones), Conley (Crews), Tucker (DNR)

Invocation Jones

Approval of September, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes. Approved Unanimously

Treasurer's Report – No contract yet. McCormick will call.

Communications to the Council

Emails via web site - Nealie McCormick – Gwinnett County: Mary Blockmiller, a Central Gwinnett High School teacher, who has a degree in history, etc., is reporting a historically documented burial ground in Gwinnett County that has possibly been inundated by a small lake.

Telephone calls – Debbie Wallsmith – One phone call re: the absence of minutes on the website for months in which we did not have a quorum, and a complaint about the camera on the eagle nest at Berry College. Wallsmith explained the lack of minutes and the process for filing a complaint.

Mail: Letter from SC DHEC, re: open public comment on the Savannah River Site. RFA from the Harvard Project on American Indian Development.

Dig/Discovery Notifications – Heidi Altman – none

*New Business*

1. Request from Robins Air Force Base – Crews will follow up.
2. Requests from DHS concerning meeting on Indian child welfare act – October 23, all day meetings at GaTech Conference Center. Judge Mantz will be there representing the GA Supreme Court. McCormick will participate and follow up. McCormick will call Weaver for additional input.
3. Rock shelter in Hall County – Nicklas: will make a response and provide a full report in November. The area will be developed into a park, and there were two positive shovel tests (debitage). Tucker reports that the State Archeologist was contacted first and that there was no need to pursue this since the Park Manager says that there is no danger of development to the rock shelters themselves. Phase I by Brockington (?).
4. Requests from Powers Ferry elementary school – 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher trying to study early history. We will try to develop materials to provide to teachers that are in

keeping with the Georgia Standards. Kirkland will try to find out who we need to talk to in the DOE, McCormick and Altman will try to meet with the person in November.

5. Introduction of new councilmember Frances Crews

*Ongoing Business*

1. Discussion of the disposition materials curated at West Georgia. Ongoing consultation with Muscogee Creeks and others. Bryan Tucker: There was a meeting with representatives of the Muscogee Nation, Coushatta, and Absentee Shawnee: repatriation to include all human remains and associated artifacts to be returned to Mound C, which was once completely destroyed and re-constructed. Meetings are to be scheduled the first two weeks of December to begin the extensive negotiations about the process.

*Announcements.*