

Council on American Indian Concerns

Regular Monthly Meeting, February 9, 2011  
DNR Conference Room, Atlanta

Council members in attendance: Nealie McCormick, Marilyn McGaughey, Ralph Crews, Royce McCrary, JB Jones and Bobby Tuggle

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Nealie McCormick at 1:43 p.m. Ralph Crews led the opening prayer.

The November, 2010 meeting minutes, which had been emailed to members earlier, were approved as submitted. There was no meeting in December, 2010 (as is customary) nor in January, 2011 due to snow and ice in north Georgia.

Ralph Crew gave the treasurer report, noting a current balance of \$21,097.83.

Council Communications - Nealie McCormick asked if anyone was interested in taking over from Sarah Hill monitoring and responding to emails to the Council. There was some discussion and it was decided to wait until the March meeting to address the issue. Nealie McCormick said that he would continue to work with the emails for now. Nealie McCormick reported that Linda Moye had now retired. The council members discussed who would be the contact for telephone calls. It was decided to bring this up at the March meeting.

*New Business:*

Replacement for Sarah Hill - Nealie McCormick reported that Sarah had supplied the names of two individuals who she believed could be replacements for her position. This will be addressed at the March meeting. Replacing Sarah as Council web liaison will also be addressed at the March meeting.

Cemetery in Bibb County, Georgia: It was reported that Tom Gresham wrote an email response to Vicki Robinson, who was concerned about possible harm to a marked, known historic period cemetery that is in a tract of land being developed in Bibb County. In his response, Tom stated that he was providing his personal opinion on the matter, not the official views of the Council. Tom informed Ms. Robinson that he felt the cemetery was being adequately protected (it is known to the developer and by deed is being buffered by a wide swath of undeveloped land). The Council reviewed the matter and Tom's emailed response to the woman and concluded that his response reflected the wishes of the Council. Tom should write back to Ms. Robinson informing her of this and letting her know that we appreciate her keeping a watch on this.

Pickens County - Jasper. A citizen of Pickens County emailed the Council about a possible threat to a grave, one that may have been marked in some way. Frankie emailed her the Council's burial reporting form and asked her to complete it and send it back to us. It was also suggested to

refer her to the cemetery booklet *Grave Intentions*. This led to the idea of putting *Grave Intentions* on our website, is on the website.

St. Simons Land Transfer - Marilyn McGaughey said that she would like an update on the status of the reburial plot that Sea Island Company established on St. Simons Island, given the recent changes in ownership of large tracts of Sea Island Company land. It was reported that the Jones family owned the land that Sea Island Company deeded for reburials.

*Ongoing Business:*

Floyd County Power Line - It was discussed that power companies do not have to get federal or state permits. There is nothing that the Council can do on this issue.

Rules and Regulations - There was much discussion on the issue. Marilyn McGaughey suggested that we get someone that knows how to shepherd this process, and she suggested Linda Moye, since she was already familiar with the process. Marilyn will call Linda to see if she would do this, what rate she would bill her services and obtain an anticipated time frame for completion. A motion to this effect was made by Ralph Crews, seconded by Royce McCrary and passed by the Council.

Etowah Mounds Historic Site - Marilyn McGaughey reported that she had received a call from Jim Langford, and they discussed how it has been difficult to work out funding for Etowah to provide for more guides for tours of the site. Marilyn suggests we ask Jim Langford to come to the March meeting to explain the current situation to the Council.

Issues for the Council to discuss at the March meeting - Council budget, jobs/economic development, and education will be discussed at the March meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Visitors: Bryan Tucker, Vonnie McCormick, Frances Crews, Ann Williams, Dan and Dola Davis