

Georgia Council on American Indian Concerns
Historic Preservation Division
254 Washington Street SW
Ground Level
Minutes
Regular Monthly Meeting
August 14, 2013 1:30 p.m.

Call to Order

Present: McCormick, Pettite, McCrary, Wallsmith, Tuggle, Weaver, Altman

Invocation (Royce McCrary)

Approval of June, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Treasurer's Report

Annual Budget: \$14,793.99, contract not in yet

Overage from last year: \$206.01

Communications to the Council

Emails via web site - Nealie McCormick (Trenton/Lookout Mtn. – a possible graveyard)

Telephone calls – Debbie Wallsmith (which is the “real” N. Georgia Cherokee tribe; also a request to find mental health services for a Winnebago person in St. Simons)

Dig/Discovery Notifications – Heidi Altman

1 notification -- discovery of a burial during excavations at 9BN909 (this is on the Genesis Point tract in Bryan County)

New Business

1. Consultation with Creek nation on Etowah repatriation. Interested in re-opening discussion about repatriation of Etowah collection. They are planning a rededication of the Leake site. There are extensive collections held by the State of GA, DNR at West Georgia from Etowah. We reviewed the history of the negotiations on the collections and Wallsmith provided an overview from the last round of negotiations up the present. She will keep us updated as the negotiations proceed.
2. New proposed regulations on federal recognition. Regulations are being changed to be less capricious, more transparent, and more accessible. The North Georgia Cherokees have an active petition before the Bureau at this time.

Ongoing Business

Letter from the Yonah Band. No further action to be taken at this time.

Announcements.

Meeting adjourned. 2:10.