

RESOLUTION OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREENVILLE REQUESTING THE CITY COUNCIL FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GATE TO THE BROWN HILL AND COOPERS FIELD CEMETERIES.

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Greenville (“the Commission”) is committed to safeguarding the heritage of the city of Greenville (“City”) by preserving character and integrity in historic districts and local landmarks that embody important elements of its culture, history, architectural history, or prehistory while also promoting the use and conservation of such historic district or historic landmarks for the education, pleasure, and enrichments of the residents of the City and the State of North Carolina as a whole.

WHEREAS, The Brown Hill and Coopers Field Cemeteries are owned and maintained by the City of Greenville since their purchase in 1937 as Coopers Field was then a burial ground for slaves and later African Americans.

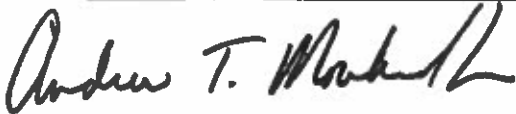
WHEREAS, the Sycamore Hill Baptist Church Yard was moved to this Cemetery in 1969 during Urban Renewal after arson destroyed the Church.

WHEREAS, the City of Greenville is in process of making the Cemeteries a Local Landmark which will become a stop on the Greenville African American Cultural Trail and the Civil Rights Trail of the North Carolina Division of Cultural Resource.

WHEREAS there is a curb cut and gravel street through the cemetery specifically designed as a new entrance to the Cemeteries on Skinner Street, a quiet street appropriate for a cemetery entrance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Greenville respectfully requests the City Council of the City of Greenville to authorize, facilitate, and provide funding through the Public Works Department to continue the plan to create a new entrance to these Cemeteries at the curb cut on Skinner Street to include brick piers and small cast aluminum black fence piece to resemble the gates to Cherry Hill and Greenwood Cemeteries.

This the 22nd day of March, 2022



Andrew Morehead, Chair
Historic Preservation Commission

ATTEST:



Secretary