

**Surfside Beach Historical Committee**  
**Floral Field Clubhouse, 617 Lakeside Dr., Surfside Beach, S.C.**

Minutes of the March 02, 2016 Meeting:

1. Meeting was called to order by Ben Burroughs, Chairman, at 4:00 p.m.
2. Secretary's Report - Sherry Singleton: Approval of minutes from the February 03, 2016 meeting: Minutes read; motion to accept made by Cad Holmes, seconded by Shirley Wiggins, voted on and accepted as read.
3. Treasurer's Report - Joyce Suliman: No account and no dollars to date.
4. Update on "Ark Cemetery Memorial" - Cad Holmes and Sadie Parmley: Cad reported that there are 47 confirmed interred, named and documented, and working with two more families.
5. Update on "Ark plantation planter's residence site" – Ben spoke to Susan McMillan and reports that there are seven more Thursday work days scheduled. Susan was contacted by Diane DeVaughn-Stokes of Stages Video. She would like to do a documentary on the Ark during the dig, perhaps in March. It will be a 20-minute DVD. The arborist is to work on the trees after the dig is completed.
6. Committees for "Surfside Beach Heritage Day at the Ark" (Nov. 4 & 5, 2016) – Ideas for planning were discussed. Committees will report on plans as they are put into place. Below is the current listing of committees.
  - A. Food: Sadie Parmley, Shirley Wiggins – Fish fry and Sweet Potatoes: Sadie reports she has someone to cook fish. Cad can get the sweet potatoes.
  - B. Music (Old fashioned Spiritual): Sadie Parmley: Sadie has contacts with church group for authentic spiritual music. Ben suggested having a minister kick off the day with a blessing prayer.
  - C. Living history exhibits on Planter Life and Gullah Culture: Ben Burroughs, Sherry Singleton, Cad Holmes: as per Mary Beth, farm animals will be allowed for exhibits if desired.
  - D. Children's Games: Joyce Suliman
  - E. Exhibits (salt works, candles, indigo, etc.): Walter Hill, Horry Co. Museum
  - F. Props/Costumes: Mary Beth Mabry, Nancy Childs, Cindy Auten. As per Mary Beth, a local contractor will do back drops for each of seven possible stations. They will fold up for storage. She also has someone lined up to do costumes. Planning to have seven stations with interpretive actors at each site.
  - G. Advertising: Nancy Childs, Cad Holmes, Blake Davis, Susan Perhala
  - H. Program: Ben Burroughs
  - I. Music (Old fashioned string music): Ben Burroughs
7. General Discussion:

- Mary Beth Mabry says the town predicts there will be 5,000 people attend the event. Suggests we have an Entrance & Exit into the event and create a flow. There will be temporary power and staging.
- There was discussion regarding the unexpected sale of one of the two remaining undeveloped lots which are part of the Ark Cemetery. The lot which sold, being the one which the Historical Society has urged the Town to purchase for the creation of a Memorial Park. There was discussion regarding reaching out to the buyer to invite them to come to the meetings of the Historical Society. Mary Beth made a motion for Ben Burroughs to draft a letter to the buyer for the city to approve and send, Julie White 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote was unanimous.
- Ben proposed the Society consider planning for a one-day event rather than two days for this first Heritage Day at the Ark. This will be revisited for discussion and consideration.

8. Adjourned the meeting at 6:00p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sherry Singleton, Recording Secretary

2016 Officers: Ben Burroughs – Chairman, Sherry Singleton - Sec., Sadie Parmley - Cor. Sec.,  
Cad Holmes - V. Chairman, Joyce Suliman