



**Minutes
Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee
January 10, 2023
4:00 p.m.
Bryce A. Stuart Municipal Building
Small Conference Room, 3rd Floor
100 East First Street, Winston-Salem**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nicole Townsend-Green, Emma Haney, C.J. Idol, Noah Reynolds

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Heather Bratland; Michelle McCullough

I. Call to Order

Ms. Bratland called the meeting to order and reviewed the rules regarding members attending remotely. Ms. Townsend-Green attended via Teams and stated she could not be present due to a work conflict.

II. Approval of November 29, 2022 Minutes

Motion by Ms. Haney to approve the minutes; second by Mr. Idol. Vote was unanimous.

III. Potential At-large Committee Members

Mr. Reynolds presented Cheryl Harry's resume and letter of interest to join the committee. Ms. Bratland presented two potential members that had responded to an email sent by the City's Marketing Department. Both candidates were participants in the City of Winston-Salem University program. The Committee discussed the challenges in identifying potential members and agreed to add proposed members on a rolling basis until the maximum of five (5) was approved. The Committee asked staff to request more information from the two potential members from the Marketing email.

Motion by Mr. Idol to recommend to the Commission Chair that Ms. Harry be approved as a Committee member; second by Mr. Reynolds. Vote was unanimous.

The Committee tabled the election of officers until the next meeting.

IV. Discuss Ideas for Future Programming for the Committee

Ms. McCullough updated the Committee on the *We Built This: Profiles of Black Architects and Builders in North Carolina* exhibit from Preservation North Carolina. Ms. McCullough will be meeting with Council Member Annette Scippio to discuss co-hosting the exhibit with the African American Heritage Initiative Committee and the possibility of the City funding the exhibit. The Committee discussed potential sponsors for the exhibit.

Ms. Bratland updated the Committee on her attempts to find out how to bring the Green Book exhibit from NC AAHC to Winston-Salem. She will continue her efforts and report at the next Committee meeting.

The Committee members agreed to continue the search for new members and are to bring names to the next meeting.

V. Creation of a Work Program

Staff updated the Committee on the meeting they had with the City's Marketing Department and the plans for Black History Month social media program in February. Staff also introduced the new social media campaign for Forgotten Fridays. The Committee discussed several areas of the City that could be included in future posts. Mr. Idol also mentioned that Martha Hartley from Old Salem Museums and Gardens should be contacted about the Hiddentown Project for additional resources to include in future posts.

Mr. Bratland updated the Committee on the Heritage Neighborhood program.

The Committee discussed potential ways to introduce the Committee to neighborhoods and groups throughout the City. The Committee decided to create a letter of introduction, which would include requests for information about the neighborhood contact and future events that the Committee members could attend. Mr. Idol agreed to draft the letter for the Committee to review. Mr. Reynolds suggested including the Committee's mission statement. Staff will contact the City's Human Relations/DEI Department to inquire whether they have a list of neighborhoods already created.

The Committee will have a more thorough discussion on the work program at their next meeting.

VI. Adjournment