



**Minutes
Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee
March 8, 2023
4:00 p.m.
Bryce A. Stuart Municipal Building
WSFC Utilities Conference Room, 2nd Floor
100 East First Street, Winston-Salem**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Emma Haney, Cheryl Harry, Courtney Mack, Nicole Townsend-Green
MEMBERS ABSENT: C.J. Idol, Noah Reynolds
STAFF PRESENT: Heather Bratland, Michelle McCullough
GUESTS PRESENT: Arthur Jackson

I. Call to Order

Ms. McCullough called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

II. Approval of February 8, 2023 Minutes

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

III. Election of Officers

The Committee tabled the election of officers until all members were present.

IV. Potential At-large Committee Members

Ms. Mack introduced Mr. Arthur Jackson, who farms on land in the Pfafftown area. Mr. Jackson is a retired firefighter/paramedic who worked in Fairfax County, VA. He discussed his interest in joining the Committee.

V. Work Program

1. LBGTQIA+ Community and Human Relations Department

Ms. McCullough shared that staff had met with representatives of the Human Relations Department. Unfortunately, their work is centered on issues of legal discrimination and fair housing; they do not engage in community outreach and will not be a good partner for DEI Committee work. However, the Human Relations Commission did have a subcommittee focused on the LBGTQIA+ community. One of that subcommittee's recommendations to City Council was to nominate a local historic landmark annually. While this is not realistic, staff did propose that the subcommittee work on a marker application and plan to partner with the Commission to apply for a CLG grant to survey of local LBGTQIA+ resources in 2024.

2. *We Built This: Profiles of Black Architects and Builders in North Carolina*

Ms. McCullough updated the Committee on requirements from management of the Planning & Development Services Department regarding exhibit locations. She reminded the Committee that the exhibit opening is scheduled for Union Station from May 4-6. Other locations that meet the requirements are Kennedy High School, which has a construction program; the Carver Road Library; the Central Library; and the Fairgrounds during farmer's market days. The Committee discussed publicity and fliers for the exhibit at some length and suggested posting information in local businesses and gathering places including Forsyth Seafood, barber shops and salons, and more. The local Panhellenic group and churches were also discussed as groups that can help spread the word.

3. Green Book Exhibit from NC AAHC

Ms. Bratland informed the Committee that Ms. Harry's group, Triad Cultural Arts, would be hosting the Green Book exhibit from October 6 to December 3. She suggested that the Planning & Development Services GIS team might be able to create a story map covering local Green Book sites with photos and other available information. Staff will discuss that with the GIS

team and report back. The Committee discussed potential locations for the exhibit including a hotel during WSSU Homecoming on October 21.

4. Letters to Neighborhoods

The Committee tabled the letter for the moment. However, the Committee did discuss some ideas regarding community outreach, including to the Black Achievers, Hispanic Achievers, QEA Charter School, and offering to speak about historic preservation at WSFCS Career Days. Ms. McCullough informed the Committee that the Castle Heights Neighborhood is interested in having Staff to their next neighborhood meeting. Castle Heights could be the first neighborhood that the DEI Committee has a neighborhood conversation with regarding possible new Historic Resources programming around an area that holds cultural significance to the community. Staff will update the Committee on the neighborhood's interest at the next meeting.

Motion by Ms. Haney to recommend to the Commission Chair that Mr. Jackson be approved as a Committee member; second by Ms. Townsend-Green. Vote was unanimous.

VI. Adjournment

Next meeting: April 12, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.