

**African American Cultural Resource Advisory Committee**

**Minutes**

August 24, 2023

Williams Ivory AACRC

10:30 AM

**Members Present:** Dawn J., George G., Sandra O., Ann W., Louveta D., Mercedes B.

**Members Absent:** Angelo G., Monique R.

**Staff Support:** PRT – Garnet M., Donna S.

**Guests:** Sun City Lakes Hiking and Renaissance Clubs - Susan W., Steve D.

- **Minutes:** Approved
- **Financial Report** – Account balance - \$15,350.89; Spendable Balance - \$8,319.71
- Sun City Lakes Hiking and Renaissance Clubs
  - The clubs are wanting to partner with the AACRAC to capitalize on the Civil Rights History in Rock Hill, by hosting riding and walking tours.
  - Capitalizing on the history will allow opportunity for local and federal monies.
  - Reference: <https://slavedwellingproject.org/>
- **Liaison Update:**
  - McGirt Auditorium Renovation Kickoff is September 12 at 9:30 AM.
  - The gym floors at Emmett Scott Center are being resurfaced.
  - The new regional park is in the design phase.
  - The grass at Fountain Park is being replaced with turf.
  - Glencairn Garden and the Velodrome are being updated.
  - Through an AARP grant, there will be a Butterfly Garden installed at Northside Center. The Garden is planned to open November 2.
  - Life Long Learning Fall Semester Kickoff is August 28 at Northside Center
  - Rock Hill Senior Health Fair is September 28 at the Rock Hill Sports and Event Center.
- **Local History Update:**
  - A list of Rosenwald Schools was presented to the committee. The list was obtained from Mr. Kenneth Alston.
- **State and Regional Association Update:**
  - George Garrison is working on a lecture series for the fall. The series is planned to be held at Mt. Prospect Baptist Church on Thursdays.



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- George is also researching the SC Heritage Commission and trying to determine how much information is known about the African American history in Rock Hill. He plans to meet with Mr. Bartley with the SC Heritage Commission.
- **Community Organizations Update**
  - Race and Reconciliation
    - Donna Smarr and Patti Panetti will be facilitating a Life Long Learning class called “Real Friends Talk About Race” on October 5 at 1 PM.
    - Race and Reconciliation is partnering with Rock Hill PRT on an October 10 - 11 trip to the International African American Museum in Charleston, SC. The trip also included a tour of African American history in Charleston, SC, and a visit to the Slave Market.
  - Greek Activity:
    - Louvetta is working to form partnerships with more Greek organizations now that the semester has begun.
    - Working on getting information on the African American History Bowl.
- **501c3 Process/Feasibility Study Updates**
  - 501c3 Initiative is still on hold.
  - Working to wrap up the feasibility study
- **Upcoming Events**
  - Public Parks and Recreation Commission: September 5 at 6 PM, Glencairn Garden Learning Center
  - McGirt Auditorium Renovation Kickoff: September 12 at 9:30 AM, McGirt Auditorium
  - Rock Hill PRT Senior Health Fair: September 28 at 10 AM – Noon, Rock Hill Sports and Event Center
  - Next AACRAC Meeting: September 28 at 10:30 AM, Zoom



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