

African American Cultural Resource Advisory Committee

Minutes

January 25, 2024

Zoom

10:30 AM

Members Present: Dawn J., Sandra O., Louvetta D.

Members Absent: Monique R., Ann W., George G

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

Guests: Elaine Wilmore

- **Minutes:** November minutes approved. December meeting cancelled
- **Financial Report** – Account balance - \$14,170.78; Spendable Balance - \$8,035.91
- **Liaison Update:**
 - PRT is working on plans for the BMX World Championships, May 12 – 18, 2024. There are six local riders that have qualified to compete.
 - 2024 Committee Nominations have been approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission.
 - The committee plans to remove Angelo Geter as a member and will potentially add two new members.
 - Possibly have members of Sun City serve as liaisons since their share the same focus.
 - Glencairn Garden Learning Center has been renovated and is now open for reservations. The reservation fee is \$100 deposit, \$75 per hour.
 - McGirt Auditorium renovations are ongoing.
 - Victory Garden International will be presenting at the February Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on updates and possible expansions of the garden. Here is the Victory Gardens [Community Impact Video](#).
 - Wreaths Across America placed 490 wreaths at four cemeteries in Rock Hill.
 - Victory Gardens will be hosting the Emmett J Scott Literary Festival on February 10 at 11 AM at Emmett Scott Center
- **Updates**
 - The Freedom Riders Steering Committee will be hosting a presentation in celebration of Black History Month on February 19 at 6:30 PM at Clinton College. The committee is a partner of the Freedom Riders Steering Committee with George Garrison as the liaison.
 - Minority Black Leaders Network, BELL, Winthrop, Deltas and Clinton ConNextion will be hosting an event on the History of Entrepreneurship in the Black Community at Winthrop on February 29 at 5:30 PM. There will be a panelist of speakers who will discuss implications from the past and moving forward.
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- The Place Making Committee 2024 goal is to complete two projects on the Southside. One potential project is a Music Trail starting at the Frontis Brooks Park, go down Crawford Road to Carrol Park and end at Clinton College. Key people to recognize on this project are Frontis Brooks, Emmett Scott High Band Director and James Ellis, grew up on Pond St. and created Disco Inferno. Louvette will be the liaison on the committee.
- Race and Reconciliation event “Intentional Reconciliation” will be tonight at Grace Lutheran Church at 7 PM
- Community Relations Council is having a community listening session to discuss solutions to issues in the community. The session will be February 1 at 6:30 PM at the Rock Hill Operation Center.
- Legacy of African American School, Dr. Kenneth Alston, will be hosting the event *Rock Hill's Black History: The Legacy of African American Schools* and his topic is "African American Education in York County and Surrounding Counties From 1891 to 1970." at 6:30 PM at Clinton College. He will be speaking on African American education and schools in 1891 – 1970.
- Lifelong Learning is hosting a tour to the Cecil William Civil Rights Museum in Orangeburg, SC on January 31.
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and NAACP are partnering on an event to inform, educate, and encourage the community on voting.
- The Greek organizations hosted a drive for month January to collect non-perishables for the students at Clinton College.
- Charlotte Hornets will be hosting a HBCU Alumni Night at Spectrum Center February 4 at 6 PM
- BELL had their first BELL Ring Ceremony where Jerry Fussell owner of The Modern Arcade was recognized for completing the BELL program and securing capitol to open his business.
- BELL will be hosting 6 series as part of The Business Development & Innovation program. The first is Kauffman FastTrac which will discuss how to start a business and turning an idea into a business. Registration is open now.
- The 144: Honoring the Lost Ancestors is planning to host an event in April to give an update on the project.
- **501c3 Process/Feasibility Study Updates**
 - 501c3 Initiative is still on hold.
 - The Feasibility Study Presentation will be ready to present to the committee by March.
 - The Red House Committee is working on programs that will be held late Summer and, in the Fall.
- **New Business**
 - 2023/2024 Goals and Accomplishments will be similar to 2023.



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- **Upcoming Events**

- Race & Reconciliation “Intentional Reconciliation”: Jan. 25 at 7 PM – Grace Lutheran Church
- Cecil William Civil Rights Museum Tour: Jan. 31 at 8 AM
- Emmett Jay Scott Literary Festival: Feb. 10 at 11 AM – Emmett Scott Center
- Community Relations Discussion: Feb. 1 at 6 PM – Rock Hill Operations Center
- Legacy of African American Schools Series: Feb. 1 at 6 – Clinton College
- Freedom Riders Steering Committee Black History Celebration: Feb. 19 at 6:30 at Clinton College
- History of Entrepreneurship in Black Communities Collaboration Event: Feb. 29 at 5:30 PM at Winthrop
- Charlotte Hornets HBCU Night: Feb. 4 at 6 PM at Spectrum Center
- Public Parks and Recreation Commission: Feb. 6 at 6 PM, Glencairn Garden Learning Center
- Next AACRAC Meeting: Feb. 22 at 10:30 AM via Zoom



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