

African American Cultural Resource Advisory Committee

Minutes

March 28, 2024

Zoom

10:30 AM

Members Present: Dawn J., Sandra O., Louveta D., Monique R., George G

Members Absent: Ann W.

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

Minutes: January Minutes Approved, No meeting was held in February

Financial Report – Account balance - \$16,288.53; Spendable Balance - \$8,855.29

Liaison Update:

- PRT is working on plans for the BMX World Championships, May 12 – 18, 2024. Volunteers are needed.
- The City has approved 4 new indoor courts to be built at the intersection of White Street and Constitution Boulevard.
- McGirt Auditorium renovations are ongoing. Projected completion is January 2025.

Updates

- Communicating with professors at Winthrop University that have their students do projects on local African American history during the semester. The idea is to have those students assist Ms. Ann Williamson in the collection of history and use her as a source for their projects.
- Dawn is looking at using a historic building in Charlotte as a model for the Red House.
- Juneteenth is June 21 -23, 2024. [Details](#)
- Kenneth Alston is working on a historic marker for the Carver Theater.
- Race and Reconciliation hosts monthly events on the fourth Thursday. Last month a group from Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church presented on their efforts to get memorials setup for African Americans that were lynched in York County.
- Judge Modla with the City of Rock Hill is partnering with the Haven Men’s Shelter to host Expungement Court at the Center.
- There will be a “March for Jesus” on March 29 from Fulllife Hope Ministries to Bynum Avenue to raise awareness of the homeless situation in Rock Hill.
- A memorial service will be held on April 13; 10 AM – 1 PM for The 144: Honoring the Lost Ancestors. This will be an annual event to keep raising awareness of the 144 slaves that were found. [Details](#)



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- Dr. Bertha Roddey, 20th National President of Delta Sigma Theta Inc., passed away at the age of 93. She known for many African American projects such as the African American history display at the Rock Hill Galleria and co-founding the Harvey Gantt Center in Charlotte, NC.
- April 7 – 13, 2024 is NAREB National Realtist Week. NAREB (National Association of Real Estate Brokers) was founded during the Civil Rights for black realtors who were not allowed to be members of the National Realtist Association. They focus on culturally relevant needs related to homeownership in the African American communities.

501c3 Process/Feasibility Study Updates

- 501c3 Initiative is still on hold. Remove from the agenda.
- The Red House Development Committee is working on the presentation of the Feasibility Study. The committee was not happy with the outcome and will be using Magnolia Place and Society Place as models for the Red House. The plan is to use the Red House as the hub, starting point, for the African American history journey in Rock Hill. Once the presentation is complete, it will be presented to the Feasibility Committee, the AACRAC and then PRT Department, etc.
- Potential New Members
 - Mercedes Boyer: previously worked with the committee.
 - Martin Jackson: serves on the Committee for the 144: Honoring the Lost Ancestors
 - Kristen Brown: has fundraising background
 - Nakita Baxter: created a mobile Black History project at York Tech and has strong community relationships.

New Business

- The committee is looking at changing the meetings to every other month. Will vote in June 2024 once the new members are acclimated.

Upcoming Events

- Great Easter Egg Classic: March 28, 2024 [Details](#)
- March for Jesus-Homelessness Awareness in Rock Hill: March 29, 2024
- City Offices Closed in Observance of Easter Monday: April 1, 2024
- Public Parks and Recreation Commission: April 9, 2024, at 6 PM, Glencairn Garden Learning Center
- Come See Me Festival: April 11 – 20, 2024 [Details](#)
- The 144: Honoring the Lost Ancestors: April 13, 2024, 10 AM – 1 PM [Details](#)
- Next AACRAC Meeting: April 25, 2024, at 10:30 AM via Zoom
- 2024 UCI BMX Racing World Championship: May 12 – 18, 2024, Rock Hill BMX Supercross Track [Details](#) [Volunteers Needed](#)
- Juneteenth: June 21-23, 2024 [Details](#)



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