



## **AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION**

## **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2015**

### **Commission Members in Attendance:**

Sasha Mitchell, DeWayne Barton, Isaac Coleman, Kelly Goins, Georgia M. Shannon

### **Staff in Attendance:**

Roderick Simmons, Alex Carmichael

### **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the meeting of 7/9/2015 were approved on Commission Member Isaac Coleman's motion, Commission Member Kelly Goins second on a 5-0 vote.

### **2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **a. Update on County Staff**

Chairwoman Mitchell said that the County staff member assigned to the African American Heritage Commission (A.A.H.C.), Josh O'Conner, has a conflict during the Commission's regular meetings. A new staff member will be assigned as a liaison to the Commission.

The A.A.H.C. will report to the County Commission in October.

#### **b. Vance Monument**

Commission member Isaac Coleman asked about the status of the Vance Monument. Chairwoman Mitchell stated the Commission's first step is to collect community input and build partnerships. Mr. Coleman stated that the working committee should begin working on the design and location now.

### **3. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **a. Welcome to Georgia M. Shannon & Introductions**

The Commission welcomed new member, Georgia M. Shannon. Ms. Shannon introduced herself to the Commission and each Commission member briefly introduced themselves to Ms. Shannon.

#### **b. Input on Time Capsule**

Chairwoman Mitchell informed the Commission that the Time Capsule Committee would meet later that day and vote on items to include in the capsule. A petition was circulated to include a copy of the Urban News.

#### **c. Presentation – DeWayne Barton**

Commission member DeWayne Barton presented on potential partnership opportunities. Community Accountability Plan (C.A.P.) identifies three existing community plans where the A.A.H.C.

can work collaboratively. Mr. Barton presented several documents to the Commission, including a C.A.P. Road Map, a strategies write-up, and a 'Collective Impact' publication.

Commission member Isaac Coleman motioned to endorse the Community Action Plan. Commission member Kelly Goins seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.

d. Chairwoman Mitchell told the Commission that she was contacted by the City's Planning Department regarding the imminent demolition of a historic African American hospital. There has been no community outcry. Chairwoman Mitchell spoke with community members who felt that a marker should be set in place, but did not object to the site's redevelopment. The Planning Board can note the African American Heritage Commission's desire for the historic marker.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**5. ADJOURN**

Chair Sasha Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 12:28 p.m. without objection.