



**Minutes  
Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission  
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee  
February 8, 2023  
4:00 p.m.  
Bryce A. Stuart Municipal Building  
Small Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
100 East First Street, Winston-Salem**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Emma Haney, Cheryl Harry, C.J. Idol (virtually), Noah Reynolds  
MEMBERS ABSENT: Nicole Townsend-Green  
STAFF PRESENT: Heather Bratland, Michelle McCullough, Amy Crum, Kelly Bennett  
GUESTS PRESENT: Courtney Mack

**I. Call to Order**

Ms. McCullough called the meeting to order.

**II. Approval of January 11, 2023 Minutes**

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

Mr. Idol joined the meeting remotely at 4:05, and Ms. Bratland reviewed the rules regarding members attending remotely. Mr. Idol attended via Teams and stated he could not be present due to a work conflict.

Ms. Mack shared information about herself and discussed the reasons for her interest in joining the Committee.

**III. Presentation of Forward 2045 by Amy Crum**

Ms. Crum presented information about the upcoming comprehensive plan update, Forward 2045. She completed an exercise about the City and County's opportunities/strengths and threats/weaknesses with Committee members. Mr. Reynolds requested that a copy of the presentation be shared with the Committee members.

**IV. Election of Officers**

The Committee tabled the election of officers until the next meeting.

**V. Potential At-large Committee Members**

Ms. McCullough encouraged the Committee to continue searching for at-large members who will diversify the Committee in areas of race, gender, age, residency, sexual orientation, etc. Three at-large seats remain open. The Committee members agreed to continue the search for new members and are to bring names to the next meeting.

**VI. Work Program**

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

Ms. McCullough updated the Committee on scheduling the exhibit with Preservation North Carolina. Staff has reserved the exhibit for May-August 2023. The Planning & Development Services Department is funding the exhibit, and the African American Heritage Initiative would like to co-host the exhibit with the Commission. Ms. McCullough led a discussion about where the kick-off should be, and Union Station was selected for the weekend of May 6-7. She requested that the Committee review the list of other proposed other location and be prepared to discuss at the next meeting.

*2. Green Book Exhibit from NC AAHC*

Ms. Bratland updated the Committee on her attempts to find out how to bring the Green Book exhibit to Winston-Salem. She will continue her efforts with the assistance of Ms. Harry and Mr. Reynolds and report at the next Committee meeting.

### 3. Letters to Neighborhoods

The Committee tabled the review of Mr. Idol's draft neighborhood letter until after meeting with the City's Human Relations Department.

### 4. Human Relations Presentation

Ms. McCullough suggested the Committee invite Dr. Christian from the City of Winston-Salem Human Relations Department to come to their next meeting to present information about the department and how it can assist the Committee. The Committee asked staff to make the invitation.

Motion by Ms. Haney to recommend to the Commission Chair that Ms. Mack be approved as a Committee member; second by Mr. Reynolds. Vote was unanimous.

## **VII. Adjournment**