

COASTAL AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

November 16th, 2021

6:00 PM

Zoom

Meeting ID: 684 714 1570

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In Attendance: Shauntay Harris, Roosevelt Harris, Elisia Scott, Kevin Pullen, Anita Collins

Absent: Jason Vaughn

Guests: County Commissioner Allen Booker, Thomasena Johnson, Willie Mae Crump

Welcome: Meeting was convened and facilitated by Commissioner Shauntay Harris.

Introductions: Brief introductions were made by all present commissioners and guests.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioners reviewed the minutes from the previous meetings held on July 20th, 2021 and August 19th, 2021. There was a motion by Commissioner Pullen to approve the July and August minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Scott. The minutes were adopted with unanimous consent.

Approval of 2021 – 2024 Strategic Plan: All commissioners were previously provided with a copy of the revised strategic plan documents. There was a motion by Commissioner Roosevelt Harris to approve the 2021 – 2024 Strategic Plan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pullen. The strategic plan was approved unanimously.

Discussion re: Presentation of Strategic Plan: County Commissioner Booker advised the plan would need to be submitted in advance and presented in person to the City and County. Commissioner Roosevelt Harris recommended we present at a joint work session for the City and County. County Commissioner Booker advised there were currently no joint sessions planned or pending. Commissioner Roosevelt Harris and Commissioner Collins recommended that the group wait to present the plan until new city leadership had been installed in January. Commissioner Collins recommended the presentation take place at the 2nd meetings in January (19th and 20th). The commission will decide between those dates and the 1st meetings in February (2nd and 3rd) at the next scheduled meeting. Commissioner Collins volunteered to present the plan at both meetings. She will send out a draft of the summary/highlights before the next scheduled meeting.

Updates on Black Historic Preservation Foundation: Commissioner Shauntay Harris advised that the foundation was active and had resumed meetings. The commission was advised the foundation recently received a small grant. Representatives from the foundation are also serving on a committee to create a Gullah Geechee Institute. This initiative will be a partnership with Rise Risley, as the Institute will be housed at the Colored Memorial. Commissioner Shauntay Harris has been asked to serve as a representative for the CAAHPC. A joint meeting will be requested with the foundation and CAAHPC.

New Business: Commissioner Pullen advised that there would be an art show reception held on St. Simons Island on December 2nd, 2021 from 6 PM – 9 PM. He advised he would have an exhibit featured regarding young African American soldiers from the 54th Massachusetts and the Vietnam War. He also advised that Rise Risley would be having an arts festival on January 15th, 2021. He suggested commissioners attend and support the event as a group. County Commissioner Booker advised of plans for a Black Veterans Memorial at McIntyre Court.

Announcements: Commissioner Collins requested we lift up the Arbery family during this time. Commissioner Pullen lead the group in a moment of prayer for the family and community.

The next meeting will be held on December 21, 2021 at 6 PM via Zoom. Meeting was adjourned.