



Meeting of the Black Heritage Preservation Commission

November 20, 2025 6:30 PM

City Hall Room 101 & Zoom

NOTE: The November 20, 2025 Black Heritage Preservation Commission meeting was held in person and online via Zoom.

Members: Minister Monique Jones, Chair Lois Bryant, Veronica Huff, Vice Chair Wendell Huggins, Shawn Walker, Janet Allured, and Braziel Hatch

City Staff: Kylee Cole – Long Range & Preservation Planner, Britin Bostick - Long Range Planning & Special Projects Manager

Call to Order: 6:30 pm by Chair Bryant

In Attendance: Lois Bryant, Janet Allured, Wendell Huggins, Braziel Hatch, and Britin Bostick.

Approval of Minutes from the August 21, 2025, September 18, 2025 and October 16, 2025

Meetings: Motion to approve from Commissioner Huggins, second by Commissioner Hatch. Passed with voice vote.

Unfinished Business

Theresa Hoover Historical Marker Update – Commissioner Allured: Commissioner Allured provided an update that the marker was ordered. An unveiling and reception is scheduled for February 28, 2026 at 2:00 pm at the Sequoyah Methodist Church. This has been communicated to the city administration and staff will provide a reminder as we get closer to time.

Henderson School Historic Marker: Staff had no updates since the last meeting, but provided a review of design mockups in bronze and stainless steel with an etched photo. Bostick provided an example of the West Avenue, Back Forty, and St. John's marker to show the condition of the stainless steel marker several months after installation. Bostick noted that the marker could be moved further to the right to better match the perspective in the historic photo on the marker. Commissioners agreed that moving the marker to the right (closer to the driveway) and back toward the retaining wall to allow safer access and a better perspective of the photo. Commissioner Huggins suggested it may be nice to visit the house again and view a mockup of the marker to better understand size and placement. Staff will send out a poll to find a time for a site visit with a mockup.

Historic Resource Survey Ph. 1 Update: Bostick provided a review of the project scope. The fieldwork for phase 1 is complete. Now consultants are working on compiling photos and data into a report. Staff expects that early drafts will be shared with commissioners in January. Bostick added that Cole has submitted a grant application for phase 2 of the project around downtown and southwest Fayetteville.

Fall Meeting Schedule & Projects: Chair Bryant announced that this would be the last meeting of the year. Bostick noted that in the past the commission canceled the December meeting due

to conflicts with holidays. Allured and Huggins agreed. Chair Bryant instructed staff to cancel the December meeting and the commission would reconvene on January 15, 2026. Chair Bryant added that the additional time will give commissioners time to think about projects.

New Business

Announcements – Chair Bryant noted that two position’s terms will be ending in December. Bostick noted the Council’s Nomination Committee won’t meet until December 2, so staff won’t have any updates until after that time. Bostick announced that a public hearing of the Historic District Commission to discuss the proposed Oak Grove local historic district will be on December 11th in City Council Chambers.

Adjournment – Chair Bryant adjourned discussion at 6:59 pm.