



Meeting of the Black Heritage Preservation Commission

June 18, 2026 6:30 PM
City Hall Room 101 & Zoom

NOTE: The June 18, 2026 Black Heritage Preservation Commission meeting was held in person and online via Zoom.

Members: Minister Monique Jones, Chair Lois Bryant, Shawn Walker, Janet Allured, and Neikeita Mitchell

City Staff: Kylee Cole – Long Range & Preservation Planner, Britin Bostick - Long Range Planning & Special Projects Manager, Kaci Black – Communications & Outreach Specialist

Call to Order: 6:30pm

In Attendance: Lois Bryant, Wendell Huggins, Janet Allured, Neikeita Mitchell, Kylee Cole, Britin Bostick, and Breanna McArdle

Approval of Minutes from the April 16, 2026 Meeting and May 21 meetings: Motion by Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Allured. Unanimously approved by voice vote.

Unfinished Business

Henderson School Historic Marker Update: Cole showed side by side options for the marker. Commissioners discussed their preferences for the bronze and stainless steel options. The stainless steel option is able to include an etched photo, which provides an opportunity to see the school prior to its conversion to a private residence. Cole requested a formal vote from the commissioners to confirm the recommendation to council. Motion by Commissioner Allured for the marker with the photo. Seconded by Commissioner Huggins. Unanimous approval by voice vote. Bostick provided information about the approval, ordering, and unveiling process and stated staff will provide updates as the process progresses.

Proposed Fayetteville Black Local Historic District and South Fayetteville Local Historic District: Cole provided an update to the commission including the letters of recommendation from the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program (AHPP) and the Fayetteville Planning Commission. The next step is a public hearing with the Historic District Commission on Thursday, July 9 at 5:30pm in the current meeting room (City Hall Room 101). Cole also outlined additional next steps for the process and City Council's consideration of the request. Chair Bryant asked to clarify the timeline the Historic District Commission has following their public hearing, which is up to 60 days under the process required by the state. Cole recapped questions and comments from the public and offered staff is available to assist with questions and concerns. Potters House, the owner of the former Jefferson School property, has requested to be excluded from the proposed district, stating concerns about planned building rehabilitation work and the addition of an elevator. Another member of the public who did not identify a

property interest in the district provided a letter in opposition to the request. Commissioner Allured asked to confirm the meeting location, and Cole offered the meeting will also be on Zoom. Staff can send a meeting registration link. Chair Bryant remarked on the readiness of the neighborhood to see the approval complete. Bostick noted that there are multiple deliberative steps in the process and at each step

New Business

None.

Announcements:

- Commissioner Mitchell introduced herself.
- Bostick provided information about Downtown Plan engagement next week with five events in five locations over fifteen hours. She asked commissioners to share the information with their contacts.
- **Adjournment:** The meeting ended at 6:57 pm.