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AGENDA REQUEST FORM

FOR: Council Meeting of September 7, 2021

FROM: Council Member D'Andre Jones


ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION TITLE AND SUBJECT:

AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT ARTICLE XXXII COMMISSION TO PRESERVE HISTORICAL BLACK STRUCTURES AND CEMETERIES AND TO CREATE BLACK HISTORICAL MARKERS

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

Approved by email
Council Member D'Andre Jones

August 31, 2021
Date


City Attorney Kit Williams
Approved as to form

August 31, 2021
Date

Batker, Jodi

From: D'Andre Jones <dre91732000@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 2:17 PM
To: Batker, Jodi
Cc: Jones, D'Andre; Williams, Kit
Subject: Re: Resolution

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Yes I am prepared to if I need to

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On Aug 31, 2021, at 2:14 PM, Batker, Jodi <jbatker@fayetteville-ar.gov> wrote:

D'Andre,

Will you be available to Zoom into the meeting?

Jodi Batker

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jbatker@fayetteville-ar.gov

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From: D'Andre Jones <dre91732000@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 2:12 PM
To: Batker, Jodi <jbatker@fayetteville-ar.gov>
Cc: Jones, D'Andre <dandre.jones@fayetteville-ar.gov>; Williams, Kit <kwilliams@fayetteville-ar.gov>
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Is it possible to walk it on tonight

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On Aug 31, 2021, at 2:07 PM, Batker, Jodi <jbatker@fayetteville-ar.gov> wrote:

D'Andre,

Would you want us to add this to the September 21st Agenda?

Thank you.

Jodi Batker

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From: D'Andre Jones <dre91732000@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 11:00 AM

To: Batker, Jodi <jbatker@fayetteville-ar.gov>

Cc: Jones, D'Andre <dandre.jones@fayetteville-ar.gov>; Williams, Kit <kwilliams@fayetteville-ar.gov>

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Thanks Jodi

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On Aug 31, 2021, at 10:56 AM, Batker, Jodi <jbatker@fayetteville-ar.gov> wrote:

D'Andre,

Attached is the Resolution for your review. Please contact us if there are any changes that you would like made.

Thank you.

Jodi Batker

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From: City_Attorney

Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 10:54 AM

To: Batker, Jodi <jbatker@fayetteville-ar.gov>

Subject:

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT ARTICLE XXXII COMMISSION TO PRESERVE HISTORICAL BLACK STRUCTURES AND CEMETERIES AND TO CREATE BLACK HISTORICAL MARKERS

WHEREAS, on August 17, 2021, the City Council unanimously passed Resolution No. 210-21 to Establish a Commission to Preserve Historical Black Structures and Cemeteries and to Create Black Historical Markers in Fayetteville; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of this Commission, its membership, duties and purposes should be enacted into the *Fayetteville Code*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS:

Section 1: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby enacts **Article XXXII** into the *Fayetteville Code* as set forth below:

Article XXXII Commission To Preserve Historical Black Structures And Cemeteries And To Create Black Historical Markers.

§33.440 Establishment

This Commission To Preserve Historical Black Structures And Cemeteries And To Create Black Historical Structures was established by Resolution No. 210-21 which was passed unanimously on August 17, 2021. Such establishment is confirmed by this Article.

§33.441 Purposes

- (A) A Purpose of this Commission is to recognize, acknowledge, protect and preserve historical Black Structures and Cemeteries in honor of the vision, accomplishment, and perseverance of Fayetteville's early Black families and individuals and the churches and other structures they built.
- (B) Another Purpose of this Commission is the creation of Black Historical Markers to recognize the struggles and achievements of our Black citizens to promote diversity and equality for all Fayetteville residents and to oppose discrimination against any person in Fayetteville.

§33.442 Membership and Composition

(A) Membership

This Commission shall have seven members which includes a City Council Member appointed by the Mayor. The Commission shall include a member that is very

familiar with an Historical Black Church in Fayetteville. The other five Commissioners shall be selected at-large.

(B) Terms

- (1) The Council Member appointed by the Mayor shall serve a term commensurate with the Mayor who appoints the Council Member. The Mayor may reappoint the Council Member to additional terms.
- (2) All other Commissioners will have three year terms except two at-large Commissioners will initially serve for two years and one at-large member will initially serve a one year term.

§33.443 Duties

(A) Preservation and Protection

The Commission may work with and coordinate its preservation goals with the Historic District Commission. The Commission may recommend protection or preservation measures for particular Historical Black Churches, Structures, and Cemeteries to the City Council and the Historic District Commission.

(B) Black Historical Markers

The Commission should research and investigate sites of important struggles and achievements of our Black residents and their supporters to promote diversity and equality and to oppose discrimination in Fayetteville. The Commission may recommend to the City Council that a Black Historical Marker memorializing such important site be created and installed at such location.

§33.444 Meetings

The Commission shall meet at least quarterly to conduct its regular meeting and may meet more often if desired by the Commission. The Chair of the Commission may call a special meeting upon two days' notice to the Commissioners.

PASSED and APPROVED this 7th day of September, 2021.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

By: _____
LIONELD JORDAN, Mayor

By: _____
KARA PAXTON, City Clerk/Treasurer



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Resolution: 210-21

File Number: 2021-0612

COMMISSION TO PRESERVE HISTORICAL BLACK STRUCTURES AND CEMETERIES:

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A COMMISSION TO PRESERVE HISTORICAL BLACK STRUCTURES AND CEMETERIES AND TO CREATE BLACK HISTORICAL MARKERS IN FAYETTEVILLE

WHEREAS. Black families have lived and worked in Fayetteville for over a century and a half; and

WHEREAS. although Fayetteville's black population has historically been a small percentage of Fayetteville's total population, the vision and activism of those Black families and individuals have, in concert with White allies, created and fostered progressive ideals of racial harmony, integration, and equality long before many other Southern cities; and

WHEREAS. as soon as the United State Supreme Court struck down Arkansas's mandatory segregation laws, the Fayetteville School Board working with our Black community became the first large School District in Arkansas to rapidly begin integrating our public schools; and

WHEREAS. the City of Fayetteville also began to rapidly integrate its public facilities including all city parks, the city pool, and other facilities without the racist backlash suffered by many other Southern cities; and

WHEREAS. the struggle for equality by Fayetteville's Black citizens should be memorialized and its accomplishments recognized by historical markers and important Black structures and cemeteries should be preserved as the history of the vital foundation for the welcoming and diverse community that we have now become.

Resolution: 210-21


File Number: 2021-0612

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS:**

Section 1: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby establishes the Commission To Preserve Historical Black Structures and Cemeteries and To Create Black Historical Markers to recognize the struggles and achievements of our Black citizens to promote diversity and equality and to oppose discrimination against any person in Fayetteville.

PASSED and APPROVED on 8/17/2021

Approved:


Lioneld Jordan, Mayor

Attest:


Kara Paxton, City Clerk Treasurer

