



August 23 at 11:00 AM

1. **Call to Order** - Charles S. Chestnut, IV called meeting to order at 11:00am.
 2. **Trauma-Informed Committee/Moment of Reflection** - Carl Smart led a minute of silent reflection.
 3. **Treasurer's Report** - Patricia Lee was not available due to illness.
 4. **Community Committees**
 - A. Community Education/Alachua Black History Trail - Jackie Davis reported that this committee did not meet in July and August, but plans to meet in September and discuss tabling at community events. Toni-Lee Maitland reported on progress on the website, and shared images of it with the group.
 - B. Memorial Quilt Committee - Dawn Beachy was not available
 - C. Update on Permanent exhibit of jars for County Administration building - Carl Smart reported that progress is being made. The cabinet design is complete, and we are waiting on a new proposal from Akira Wood. The wood for the cabinet will be salvaged wood that was harvested by Black workers in the Jim Crow era. We are looking for a donation of a church pew from a local Black church to use as the meditation bench. It should be able to seat 2-3 adults.
 - D. Confederate Plaque - Commissioner Chestnut reported that the Daughters of the Confederacy have requested the bronze plaque honoring the confederate soldiers that has been removed from the county administration building and placed in storage. There were no objections to giving this to them.
 5. **EJI Update** - Carl Smart reported that we met with Lauren Roberts, our EJI representative. She stated that there is a back log of work, however they will prioritize our Montecaha-Gordon-LaCrosse historic marker and hope to fabricate it in the fall. We requested again that they consider adding Ellis Washington (Hawthorne-Waldo-Rochelle-Campville) to the list of victims. We hope to be able to process the Hawthorne-Waldo-Rochelle-Campville historic marker early next year.
 6. **Technical Subcommittee** - Karen Kirkman reported that she is available to help the subcommittees.
 7. **Community Subcommittee Updates**
 - A. Alachua/Newnansville - Shirley Brown reported that they have been working with the Samuel Procter Institute to gather more local oral histories. They are working on a new Essay contest. They are planning for next year's Juneteenth celebrations. They are very proud of receiving the Youth Advisory Council's Award for Community Service for the work their young people did on their remembrance quilt.
 - B. Archer- Gerri Crawford reported that this weekend they had their 2nd annual neighborhood reunion. They did a cemetery clean-up project and had participation from youth and from Sierra Club. This was followed by a service on Sunday. They plan to meet
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- with the City of Archer to plan their soil collection ceremony. They plan to meet with Karen Kirkman to learn more about the history of Tom William's lynching.
- C. Gainesville - Evelyn Foxx was not available.
 - D. Hawthorne/Waldo - Mary Jackson was not available. Jackie Davis reported for her that the H-W-R-C group is busy working on their remembrance quilt. The squares are complete and they will be doing the quilting soon. They look forward to having their historic marker proposal be considered by EJI, and to getting a definitive answer about the status of victim Tom Williams.
 - E. High Springs - Veloria Kelly was not available. Latoya Gainey reported for her that they are working on the Heritage Trail project and will report next month.
 - F. Micanopy - Jiana Williams was not available.
 - G. Montechocha/Gordon/LaCrosse - Ayoka Sowa La reported that their committee did not meet this month. They are very happy that there is progress on their historic marker. The location for their marker will be 192nd Ave and 8th Terrace. They would like help with how best to display their quilt to keep it protected. They were referred to Dawn Beachy for advice.
 - H. Newberry - Jordan Marlowe not available.
 - I. Rosewood Memorial in Archer - Ms. Lizzie Jenkins not available.

8. Announcements

- A. Ayoka Sowa announced that there will be a Homowo Afi ceremony in Montechocha on September 1 through 4. This is a traditional Ghanian agrarian festival including cleansing baths, special foods, forgiveness. The theme is "United as One". All are invited.
- B. Jackie Davis announced that the Alachua NAACP Environmental Climate Justice Committee will be having a local Climate Summit on September 30. At this event international speaker Jacqueline Patterson from the Chisholm Legacy Project will be the keynote speaker discussing climate justice. John Nix and Stephen Hofstetter will discuss the results of the recent vulnerability study about upcoming anticipated climate changes specifically in our county. It is free and lunch is provided. She will ask Latoya Gainey to send a digital flyer to all.

9. Next meeting - September 27, 2023 at 10:00am.

10. Adjourn at 11:47.
