

Timbuctoo Advisory Committee
Second Quarter Zoom Meeting
April 28, 2022

The meeting was call to order by Chair, Carolyn V. Chang, Esquire at 7:00 PM. Attendees were Denita Curry, JoAnn Donnelly, Eric Orange, Joyce Payne, Kent Pipes and Lynda Williams.

Rowan College and The Friends of Burlington County Library will be honoring Louise Calloway, Founder and Curator of Historic Underground Railroad Museum, on Saturday, April 30th 12:30 pm at the Burlington County Library. Carolyn will present her with a bouquet of flowers from TAC and would like all Committee members to attend the event.

Carolyn, Denita and Lynda met via zoom prior to this meeting to plan dates for scheduled tours at the site in 2022. Tours will be scheduled as follows:

Day: Saturday
Dates: **May 21, June 25, July 16 and August 20**
Time: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

The tour events are posted on *Eventbrite*. Lynda is working on a flyer with all the details, she will forward to you next week. Flyer will also be distributed to schools, churches, libraries, etc.

Sunday May 15th 11:00 AM 5:00 PM is **May Faire** at Smithville Park. We will display artifacts and distribute flyers. We need volunteers.

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Debbie Price is participating in the **165-Mile Walk To Freedom Following the Underground Railroad**. The goal of the walk is to resurrect the voices and memory of the people who history has forgotten, while simultaneously recognizing the families that were separated and reunited again by their love for each other and their quest for freedom. The final phase of the walk will be:

Saturday, May 21	Mt Laurel to Timbuctoo (<i>same day as our first tour</i>)
Sunday, May 22	Timbuctoo to Burlington Underground Railroad

We will host a book signing for Dr. Christopher P. Barton,
The Archaeology Of Race And Class At Timbuctoo in New Jersey.

Date:	Sunday, June 12
Time:	2:30 PM – 4:30 PM
Where:	Burlington County Lyceum 307 High Street Mount Holly, NJ 08060

Light refreshment will be served and we would like all TAC members to attend. We need volunteers.

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We will participate in the Willingboro Township Juneteenth celebration again this year:

Date: Saturday, June 18
Time: 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Where: Millcreek Park

We will display artifacts and distribute flyers. We need volunteers. Eric has volunteered for the tour on August 20th.

Volunteers are needed for coverage at all events that we have. It does not have to be for the entire event. If you are only available for 2-4 hours that will help. Please check your calendar to see which dates you are available and let Lynda know.

Timbuctoo Day is scheduled for September 24th.

Going forward we will contact TAC members to see if they have any items that should be on the agenda for discussion.

Carolyn reached out to the Colored Troops to see if they would be available for the four site tours we have planned. Waiting to hear from them. Denita will research if there are other Troops available. Carolyn is also talking to the Buffalo Soldiers to see if they are interested in a tour.

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Carolyn has provided the Township with the tour dates and has a commitment that Public Works will have the site ready, including a Porta Potty. Need to advise where we want the tents and chair set up. We decided to be on the outside of the fence where there are shade trees. Eric has a portable PA system that we can use.

Will need to check with Debbie on tour dates for the Black Funeral Directors and the Police Cadets.

Need speakers for the site tours. Will check with the Underground Railroad to see if they would available to help

We had Input from Joyce and Joann on the school curriculum. Joann will be retiring this year. She states that we should continue with our program. We should not change the program but how we deliver it. Joyce agrees we should move forward. We need to know what stand the state will take. She does not want to see our name in print in a negative way.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Lynda Williams, Secretary