

**Timbuctoo Advisory Committee
Third Quarter Zoom Meeting
August 2, 2022**

The meeting was call to order by Chair, Carolyn V. Chang, Esquire at 7:45 PM. Attendees were Denita Curry, Eric Orange, Kent Pipes, Debbie Price and Lynda Williams.

We reviewed the agenda for this meeting and discussed the TAC events since the last meeting on April 28, 2022.

A. Honoring Louise Calloway

Saturday, April – 12:30 PM

Burlington County Library Auditorium.

Carolyn presented roses to Ms. Calloway in recognition of her service to Burlington County and the Historic Underground Railroad Museum.

B. Walk To Freedom

Saturday, May 28, 2022

Walk from Jacob's Chapel, Mt. Laurel to Timbuctoo, arriving between 8:00 and 8:30 AM. The final 8 mile walk leaving from Timbuctoo to Burlington City's Quaker Meeting House in Commemoration of Harriet Tubman's 200th Birthday.

C. Lecture & Book Review/Signing with Dr. Christopher Barton

Sunday, June 12, 2022 – 12:30 PM

The Burlington County Lyceum of History & Natural in Mt. Holly

D. Juneteenth Celebration - History Trail

Saturday, June 18, 2022

Millcreek Park, Willingboro

**E. Timbuctoo Site Tour & discussion with re-enactment of
“The Legendary Journey of Harriet Tubman” performed by
Dr. Daisy Nelson Century**

Saturday, July 16, 2022 – 1:00 PM

Remaining Timbuctoo Tours for the summer:

- a. Tentatively Saturday, August 20, 2022
- b. Timbuctoo Day: Tentatively scheduled for Saturday,
September 24, 2022

We discussed the cost of fees charged by re-enactors during site tours, they average \$250 to \$275 per performance. Carolyn has discussed this expense with the Mayor and Administrator and asked for Township support. The Mayor asks for a heads up before incurring those fees. There was more engagement by the audience with the re-enactor. Eric stated that the Township could apply for a grant from Burlington County, he will forward us the information. Carolyn will follow up with the Mayor on the grant. There is no mechanism that TAC can use for fund raising. Debbie asked if that could including getting T-shirts in the grant.

*Carolyn made us aware that there is a drop down on the Township website that we can use for pictures of events that we have. Carolyn will ask the Administrator if she would post photos of our event pictures.

We are considering move the August 20th site tour to another date in order to have more members available to help with the event. Also, at this time we only have 6 signups for the tour.

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Debbie made a suggestion that we consider have a larger present at the Sept 11th *African Diaspora Festival* at Smithville Park instead of Timbuctoo Day. It was decided that we will have Timbuctoo Day at the site. We are also changing the date for Timbuctoo Day. All activities that we sponsor require help from our committee members. Carolyn will do a survey with TAC for August 20th and Timbuctoo Day and will go with the dates the most members available to help. At this time the availability is:

Eric 8/20 & 8/27

Kent 9/24

Lynda 8/20 & 8/27

Debbie stated that the Black Funeral Directors will be meeting in September and will decide on a date for the site tour. We prefer not to do site tours after October.

Carolyn announced that TAC member JoAnn Donnelly has submitted a letter of resignation to the Township. JoAnn retired from Westampton Middle School and moved. We appreciate and Thank her for her time on TAC.

To date, there has not been any report from Township Committee Liaison, Jaime Mungo, regarding several items we asked her to present to the Township Committee for consideration. Most urgently, a modification to the ordinance that will permit non-residents to participate in TAC.

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Denita suggested that we use Goggle Dropbox that would allow everyone to drop pictures in one place and then we could select which pictures will be used on the Township website. Carolyn asked her children to help develop a Facebook page for TAC. We really appreciate their help!!! This will allow us to communicate on social media all activities at Timbuctoo.

At the end of the school year Debbie did a presentation at Willingboro High School that included Timbuctoo. Next year she would like to have the students do a Walk from the school to Timbuctoo. She will work with the teachers and school board for approval. Debbie asked if student could get credit for community service hours, Carolyn stated they could. Debbie asked if we are working with Mount Mariah. TAC does not have any formal connection with any church.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda Williams, Secretary
Timbuctoo Advisory Committee