

**Agenda**  
**Timbuctoo Advisory Committee**  
**First Quarter Zoom Meeting**  
**January 12, 2021**

- I. Review Agenda**
- II. Timbuctoo Day cancelled**
- III. Proposed 2020 Projects**
  - a. Documentary video on Timbuctoo
  - b. Resolve cemetery title and regulations
  - c. Cleanup signs, grounds and cemetery on Mt. Holly By-pass
- IV. School Curriculums**
  - a. Westampton Middle School
  - b. Rancocas Valley High School.
- V. Zoom Black History Program**
- VI. Other Business**
- VII. Adjournment**

**Agenda**  
**Timbuctoo Advisory Committee**  
**Zoom Meeting**  
**January 27, 2021**

- I. Review Agenda**
- II. Election of Officers**
- III. 2021 Upcoming events**
  - a. If Dead Folks Could Talk: Historic African American Cemeteries  
In Burlington County 2/23/21*
  - b. Black History Program at Burlington County Lyceum 2/25/21*
  - c. Book signing and reception for Christopher Barton book on Timbuctoo to  
be released in the fall of 2021.*
  - d. Video on Timbuctoo produced by Guy Weston*
- IV. Other Business**
- V. Adjournment**

**Westampton Township  
Timbuctoo Advisory Committee  
Zoom Meeting  
January 27, 2021**

The Zoom meeting was called to order by Guy Weston at 6:30 PM. Attendees were Carolyn Chang, Denita Curry, Anthony DeSilva, JoAnn Donnelly, Eric Orange, Joyce Payne, Mary Weston and Lynda Williams.

The Committee welcomed guest Debbie Price who has been interested in Timbuctoo for many years and looks forward to working with the Committee. We changed the agenda to have officer elections first due to a member leaving early for another meeting. Guy stated that he has enjoyed working with the Committee and will continue to be available to assist with certain task. He will forward his notes to the new officers. Officers were elected as follows:

Carolyn Chang	Chairperson
Debbie Price	Vice Chairperson
Lynda Williams	Secretary/Treasurer

The Committee reviewed announcements and upcoming events for 2021:

- 2/23/21 *If Dead Folks Could Talk: Historic African American Cemeteries In Burlington County* (Association of Black Women Lawyer of NJ)
- 2/25/21 *Burlington County Lyceum Black History Month Program*  
Will have teachers talk about Timbuctoo school curriculum, JoAnn to coordinate program.
- Late 2021 *Book signing and reception.* A book about Timbuctoo written by Christopher Barton that begins with the archaeological excavations and the history.

We would like to have 4 events this year perhaps something during the summer. Debbie suggested a Juneteenth roundtable that could include guest from the Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery that could also tie in with the Buffalo Soldiers.

We discussed a screening at the Lyceum of a video that Guy will be producing about Timbuctoo with a grant from the Burlington County Freeholders. It will be a documentary starting with the founding of Timbuctoo and through the eyes of different people in the community including members of the Committee.

Descendent, Lou Rogers Jr., is a videographer that will be working with Guy on this project. Expenses should be minimal, although we will need an academic contribution. We can disseminate the documentary on YouTube. JoAnn stated that a video would be great for the classroom, she and the other teachers will work on the content for the classroom. Debbie offered suggestions for addition funding for the project. Comcast educational component, Community Reinvestment Act (CRA), government funding for Native Americans relations with African Americans. Also, utilized a college student for class credits.

We also need to setup a Facebook page to publicize to the community what we are doing. Will need someone to run it.

We also had guest El Rhonda Williams Alston, Esquire who is a Past President of the Association of Black Women Lawyers of New Jersey and currently the South Jersey Representative for the Garden State Bar Association. She discussed that the Black History program on February 23<sup>rd</sup> (4:30 PM to 6:45 PM) will be in conjunction with the Timbuctoo Advisory Committee, the Burlington County Bar Association, the Association of Black Women Lawyers of New Jersey and the Garden State Bar Association. This program is targeted to legal professionals but members of the Timbuctoo Advisory Committee are welcome to participate **Free of Charge**. If you are interested please contact Carolyn to receive the Zoom invitation at changlaw1@verizon.net. Guy will be the guest speaker.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynda Williams, Secretary

**Agenda**  
**Timbuctoo Advisory Committee**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Zoom Meeting**  
**June 8, 2021**

- I. Search for a Vice Chairperson
- II. Details for Juneteenth Event
- III. Volunteers for Juneteenth
- IV. Programming for the Juneteenth Event
- V. Future Programming
- VI. Other Business
- VII. Adjournment

**Westampton Township  
Timbuctoo Advisory Committee  
2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Zoom Meeting  
June 8, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Carolyn V. Chang, Esquire 6:30 PM. Attendees were JoAnn Donnelly, Eric Orange, Joyce Payne, Kent Pipes, Guy Weston and Lynda Williams.

The meeting started with the discussion of the Juneteenth Day Festival at Millcreek Park in Willingboro on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Associate Committee Member Debbie Price had some interaction with members of the Willingboro Township Committee who were planning the festival. Debbie invited the Committee to the Timbuctoo site for a tour and indicated that the Advisory Committee may be interested in joining the Juneteenth celebration. They discussed the possibility of a tour at Timbuctoo for participants at the festival with transportation being provided by Willingboro.

Carolyn contacted Reva Foster, Director of Senior Services in Willingboro and was informed that transportation could not be provided without the approval of the Willingboro governing body. A letter was transmitted to Marilyn Bell, Assistant Public Officer, by Carolyn V. Chang asking for more specific information. Unfortunately, Debbie was not available to be on the TAC Zoom call of 6/8/2021 to give us more detailed information as to the level of involvement of the Advisory Committee in the Juneteenth celebration. Carolyn V. Chang also contacted Westampton's Mayor Hensley and the Township Administrator to make them aware of the support the TAC would need from Westampton Township for the Timbuctoo site. Carolyn reached out to Marilyn Bell to inquire about the number of buses which would be available and arrival times so that we can plan accordingly for coverage at Timbuctoo. We will need some volunteers to help at the site from 1 PM to 4 PM. As soon as more details are available Carolyn will communicate them to us via email. Kent, JoAnn and Joyce have volunteered so far. Joyce volunteered to make a carrot cake to raffle off at Millcreek Park.

At the site Guy's role will be to focus on the preservation of the cemetery, AME Zion's history, the civil war soldiers and the importance of recognizing, acknowledging and knowing that's it's there. Debbie suggested that Mary pose in a rocking chair with period clothing. On the way back to Millcreek Park the bus will stop at the Mt. Moriah cemetery on the 541 Bypass, this should not take more than 10 minutes.

Future programming includes Guy's producing a video about Timbuctoo that should be finish in September. Guy has arranged for Lou Rogers Jr, descendent, to start filming at the site on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup>. Lou has a work commitment at 3 PM; therefore, he is not sure if he will be able to film because we are not sure of the time when the bus will be arriving. Guy will talk to Eric to see if there is a videographer from Burlington County who we could use instead of Lou Rogers. We could use our cell phones on Saturday if we need to. Also, Christopher Barton has a book about Timbuctoo that was to be released in September has now been delayed until March 2022.

JoAnn gave an update on Timbuctoo school curriculum. The state passed new social studies standards that will implemented in September 2022. She is on a committee in Westampton. Text books are not keeping up with what's currently going on. Timbuctoo will continue to be in the curriculum under the new standard, The Amistad Commission is directing the new standards.

The search for a Vice Chairperson continues. Along with the agenda email was an attachment of the Ordinance of the Timbuctoo Advisory Committee, please reference **Chapter 73-2** which defines Class C Appointment. Kent recommended 2 residents Carolyn Youngbean who is a descendant and Jacqui Still-Zollner. Carolyn will reach out to both of them to determine whether either person is interested in joining TAC.

Meeting dates for the remaining two quarters this year will be via Zoom on Wednesday, **September 8<sup>th</sup>** and **November 10<sup>th</sup>** at 7 PM

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynda Williams, Secretary