

**Westampton Township  
Timbuctoo Advisory Committee  
Fourth Quarter In-Person/Zoom Meeting  
November 6, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Carolyn V. Chang, Esquire at 12:13 pm. Attendees in-person were Denita Curry, Joyce Payne and Lynda Williams. Guy Weston and Mayor Sandy Hensley participated via Zoom. Minutes from the September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed and accepted as written.

This was destined as a planning meeting for 2022 with the following topics to be discussed:

**Timbuctoo Day**

- . Normally this event is held outside but we need to have a contingent plan In case things change with the pandemic. We could make it hybrid with a screen at the site. The issue would be internet available at the site. Guy stated there is a device we can buy that will provide internet access.
- . Promoting it as a hybrid will bring in more people to the program.
- . Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup>. Will check with the county to see if other local activities are scheduled for those days.
- . Program 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm.
- . Guest speaker, 3 names were mentioned Dr. Samuel M. Lemon, Rev. Malcom Byrd Mother AME Zion, NY and Rev. Derrick Green in Tabernacle. Carolyn will also contact Stephanie James Harris from the Amistad Commission for a possible speaker from the area.
- . 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment US Colored Troops, need a contact person, Guy will provide.
- . Need to provide transportation from Holly Hills School
- . Rita's Water Ice, face painting and artifact dig station for kids, T-shirt's sales
- . How can we get more high schools involved in Timbuctoo Day?  
Denita has contacts in the Willingboro school administration that she will reach out to.

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### **Black History Month**

- . Lynda gave information from Debbie Price who proposes a Roundtable Meeting with TAC, Jacob's Chapel, Underground Rail Road, Dr. James Still Education Center and other organizations in the area.
- . The Roundtable Meeting would be held at Jacob's Chapel in Mt. Laurel.
- . Debbie will contact the organizations to if they are interested and advise TAC.
- . Is it possible Linda Epps could facilitate the Roundtable Meeting?
- . There was a recommendation to do again the Zoom presentation from last year by the Association of Black Women Lawyers of NJ, the Burlington County Bar Association and TAC for lawyers and judges across the state about Timbuctoo and African American History.
- . Denita knows the President & CEO of the Thurgood Marshall College Fund. She will contact him to see if he would be a speak.
- . Carolyn suggested the Lt. Governor of NJ.

### **Juneteenth**

- . Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>
- . Will participate in Willingboro's event the same as last year with a display of artifacts.
- . Have a sign-up for a tour of Timbuctoo, with a date pre-determined.
- . Lynda will contact Marilyn Bell, Public Information Officer, for information.

### **Schedules Tours of Timbuctoo**

- . Organized Group tours requests must be submitted to TAC to ensure that we have proper staffing for the event.
- . Eric is available to help facilitate tours during the week with 2 weeks' notice and mornings are best for him. He had a program of "Teach the Teachers" in Cinnaminson. We will get more information on that.

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- . A suggestion was made to put Timbuctoo tour information on the Westampton Township website and to also have signage placed on the fence at the site.

#### **Recruiting Volunteers**

- . We have Committee members that terms will expire on 12/31/21 that need to be renewed, Denita Curry and Eric Orange.
- . Carolyn will continue to recruit for the vacant seat on the Committee. Carolyn Young Bean is being considered.
- . We discussed having Committee members that are not residents of Westampton. Would that require a change to the ordinance. Mayor Hensley will discuss with the Township Solicitor.
- . TAC would like to choose the Township Committee liaison rather than have it assigned by the Township Committee.
- . Discussed having students work with the Committee earning community service hours. We will need a training program for these volunteers.

#### **Expansion of Timbuctoo School Curriculum**

- . Currently, only two schools are using the curriculum, Rancocas HS and Westampton Middle school. Would like to get Willingboro and other local schools on the program.
- . We need to work through the local school board to introduce the program.
- . Carolyn will reach out to a contact at New Jersey Education Association.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lynda Williams, Secretary