

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the May 17th meeting will be remote.

The regular meeting for the Athens Justice and Memory Project will be available to watch live on YouTube at the link available on the ACCGov calendar.

Minutes

**Athens Justice and Memory Project
Team Meeting #8
Monday, May 17, 2021
5 pm – 5:30 pm
Virtual WebEx Meeting**

- Moment of silence for Linnentown decedents
 - The Committee will take a moment of silence to acknowledge and show respect to those who are no longer with us.

- The chairperson will ask that all participants state their name before speaking, since some members are calling in via phone
 - The secretary will lead a roll call of team and support members
 - Hattie Whitehead, Committee Chair and First Descendant of Linnentown
 - Christine Davis Johnson, First Descendant of Linnentown
 - Jennifer Rice, UGA Professor and Researcher, Parliamentarian
 - Charlene Marsh, Secretary
 - Mariah Parker, Commissioner
 - Mike Hamby, Commissioner
 - Krystle Cobran, ACCGov Inclusion Office and non-voting/supporting member
 - Selah Gardiner, ACCGov Inclusion Office, non-voting member
 - Blaine Williams, ACCGov County Manager

- Brief description of Budget Recommendations, copies sent to all:
 - Walk of Recognition
 - Minimum Wage Increase for ACC employees
 - ACC Black History Center
 - Broadband Internet

 - Dr. Jenn Rice Motion Committee to vote to accept Budget Recommendations:
 - Ms. Hattie Second

Notes:

- Walk of Recognition:
 - Commissioner Hamby stated that \$50k was asked by M&C for Walk of Recognition
 - M&C will vote on the 1st Tuesday of June

- Minimum Wage Increase for ACC employees
 - The comment was made majority of the current employees are already at \$15 and the recommendation

- ACC Black History Center
 - Ms. Hattie has asked for space in the Costa building, as the building is empty
 - Commissioner Hamby suggested sending an email to the committee about programming in the building and the concept/idea for the space. He suggested sending also to M&C and Manager Williams, and before the 8th
 - Commissioner Hamby mentioned that the Downtown Development Authority may have grant funding

- Vote on Walk of Recognition: Motion to vote by Dr. Jenn Rice
 - Unanimous yes vote
 - All voting members, 6, voting yes

- Walk of Recognition Project Design Details by Dr. Jenn Rice
 - Dr. Bustle spoke in the last meeting of the mosaic detail
 - The mosaic would be community generated
 - The Project Leaders will be Dr. Rice, Dr. Bustle, with a 3rd TBA
 - They're implementing 5 classes at UGA (Freshman, Odessey) to support this project
 - Including the community in the project to build from the steps of the history through to the mosaic building
 - This project will be integrated into classes in local elementary school to get kids helping with this project as well
 - Ms. Hattie mentioned a concern for safety and the opportunity to partner with Ebenezer West Baptist as a site for drop-off. She has spoken with Rev. Bloodsaw about this as well
 - Dr. Jenn Rice mentioned the need for a paid Project Manager. This person will be paid a living wage for about 5hrs a week for the duration of the project. They are seeking someone that is embedded in the community
 - There will be a celebration of some kind after the installation is built

- Dr. Jenn Rice makes a motion to accept the details of the project design
- Vote on Walk of Recognition Project Design: Motion to vote by Dr. Jenn Rice
 - Unanimous yes vote

- All voting members, 6, voting yes
- Additional Linnentown Education Projects
 - Ms. Hattie is working with community members whom are working to make a quilt and transfer pictures to quilt and display on campus by Aug '21
 - Ms. Hattie also mentioned training cards in dorms for students to understand about Linnentown
- No Further Comment from members

May WebEx meeting(s) to inform public about Justice & Memory Committee, Budget Recommendations, and Walk of Recognition project details

Meeting adjourn