MEETING MINUTES | MSAAHC WEEKLY CHECK-IN

PROJECT
Michigan Street African American Heritage Corridor Strategic Action Plan

DATE
June 10, 2021

ATTENDEES
Moody Nolan (MN)
MSAAHCC
Lord Cultural Resources (LCR)

LOCATION
Zoom Conference Call

EDS

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THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED DURING THE MEETING

1. Terry filled the group in on developments this week with the Mayor’s office. The Commission published a petition on social media soliciting feedback from the community about plans to develop the properties adjacent to the Church and to the Nash House Museum.
   a. The petition called for community support for a moratorium on property sales and development within the Corridor until the strategic action plan is in place, and for the Commission to be named designated developer for the properties.
   b. Community feedback was quick and impactful.
   c. The Mayor would like to engage with the Commission and the Corridor to discuss goals and how his office can support economic development in ways that support the vision of the corridor.
   d. Tiffany, Joy and Sandy will work with the Commission and the Mayor’s office to schedule an interview with him.

2. Tiffany provided an update on the status of outreach to the candidates on the interview list. Tiffany, Joy and Sandy have split the list of interviewees and will be reaching out during the course of the upcoming week. The goal is to have all interviews scheduled and conducted by 6/28.

3. The team reviewed updates to the parcel map. Moody Nolan will investigate and add the ownership status of the two parcels east of 200 Broadway at the corner of Pine to the map.

4. The group discussed the desired approach and focus of best practices research for the July report. Information about implementation and business/economic plans for precedent projects cited will be key. The report will include precedent project with various points of relevance to the Corridor, including public art, cultural spaces and museums, revenue generating commercial and economic models, etc.
5. Tiffany explained the role that Jon Stover & Associates will play in identifying and providing financial strategic planning advice based on the list of programmatic elements developed from community engagement feedback.

6. Latoya and Audrey discussed ways in which Moody Nolan and the Commission can amplify the project through social media. Moody Nolan will schedule a call next week to discuss events and things to highlight regarding the project to help increase its national visibility.
   a. An example of an upcoming event is the conclusion to the Freedom Walkers' march from Virginia, which will end in the Corridor. There will be a number of activities going on in the Corridor to celebrate Juneteenth, including a drum circle, a Buy Black Buffalo market and tours.