



Legislation Text

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TITLE:

Truth Plaque Task Force Update on Additional Plaque Work

PURPOSE: The purpose of this item is for the Board of Aldermen to receive an updated work report from the Truth Plaque Task Force.

DEPARTMENT: Town Clerk

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INFORMATION: On May 1, 2018 the Board of Aldermen directed staff to work with the community to gather input for the possible installation of a “truth plaque” that will detail the ugly truth of the racist history of Julian Carr, the Town’s namesake.

At the February 5, 2019 Board of Aldermen meeting, the Truth Plaque Task Force received approval to erect the first Truth Plaque at Town Hall and to move forward with researching and writing additional plaques throughout town. The Truth Plaque Task Force told the Board of Aldermen that they would come back with a list of additional plaques to keep the Board informed of their ongoing work.

During the March 13, 2019 Truth Plaque Task Force meeting, the group developed the following additional work items:

- Freedman's School/Hackney School (same general vicinity, both black schools) - The Freedman’s School will be the groups next project. This school was located on the site of the current Carolina Carwash owned by Mr. Tom Tucker. Mr. Tucker has offered his support to this project.
- Carr Mill Mall
- Strayhorn House
- St. Paul's AME Church (same land donation from Quakers as Freedman's School)
- Lion's Park (off Fidelity St)
- TinTop
- 1913 Lloyd Mill (WWII Ammo factory)

- Black business district on main street
- Government (Bob Drakeford, Mike Nelson, Ellie Kinnaird...)

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: The Board of Aldermen authorized \$5,000 on February 5th. There will also be \$5,000 budgeted for FY 19-20 with any remaining funds to be carried over.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board of Aldermen receive the report from the Truth Plaque Task Force.