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City Manager's Update



Daytona Beach pitched as site for future Florida Museum of Black History

City's rich African American history and distinctive assets highlighted in initial presentation

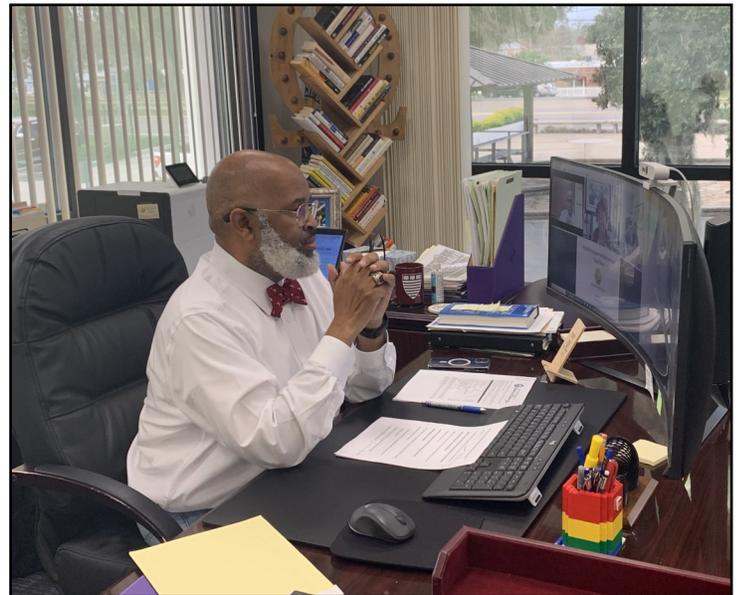
On Friday morning, City Manager Deric C. Feacher pitched Daytona Beach as a potential location for the future Florida Museum of Black History. Lori Campbell Baker, executive director of the Daytona Beach Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, joined Feacher on the virtual meeting with the nine-member task force charged with recommending the future museum's location, design, construction, operation and administration.

Feacher gave an impassioned five-minute presentation about Daytona Beach's rich African American history highlighting notable trailblazers Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune and Jackie Robinson. He also emphasized the city's distinctive strengths: the thousands of students attending the six colleges and universities located in Daytona Beach, the robust tourism industry welcoming millions of annual visitors, the city's geographical advantages of being at the nexus of I-95 and I-4, having an international airport and how industry titan NASCAR was organically created here.

"Daytona Beach has always been a place where history is made and dreams become a reality. We believe choosing our city is the right choice for this contribution to the people and visitors of the great state of Florida. We are dedicated to not only being the community of choice to live, work, play, learn and raise a family, but we want to be the choice for the Florida Museum of Black History in world-famous Daytona Beach," Feacher emphasized.

Officials representing eight other locations including Amelia Island, Havanna City, Jackson County, Opa-Locka, Panama City, Sarasota County, St. Johns County and the Woodson African American Museum of Florida in St. Petersburg also offered presentations. (The task force heard proposals from the Orlando International Airport, Quincy and Seminole County at their November meeting.)

The idea for a museum dedicated to Black history in Florida unanimously passed both the state House and Senate in the last legislative session and was signed by Governor Ron DeSantis in May. According to the bill, the museum shall be a multipurpose facility capable of generating self-sustaining revenues, with archival research and storage facilities, meeting rooms, full-



service banquet facilities with a kitchen capable of serving at least 250 people at a single event, and a performing arts theater available for private events. The task force will submit a report by July 1, 2024, detailing its plans and recommendations to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the Senate and the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

After receiving the task force report, the Legislature may consider legislation pertaining to the commissioning, construction, operation and administration of the museum.

For more information about the Florida Museum of Black History Task Force, including member bios and links to recordings of past meetings, visit FLHeritage.com/BlackHistoryMuseum.

Residents encouraged to complete survey

There is a public survey available online through February 29, 2024. The survey, which can be found on FLHeritage.com/BlackHistoryMuseum, is an opportunity for the public to participate in the process of planning for the future museum. Responses received will be included in the task force's report to the Florida Legislature.

Daytona Beach Police partner with nonprofit to help drivers replace lights



Properly working headlights, taillights, brake lights and turn signals are crucial for road safety, visibility and a positive driving experience.

Drivers who get pulled over in Daytona Beach for a broken or burned-out headlight, taillight, brake light or turn signal can receive a voucher worth up to \$250 to cover repairs instead of getting a ticket.

Announced last week by Police Chief Jakari Young, the department's new initiative to fix burned-out light bulbs at no cost to motorists was created by partnering with the Minnesota-based Lights On! program and local repair shops. Drivers can redeem vouchers within 14 days for free repairs at these participating auto service providers:

- Teresa's Garage, 388 N. Nova Road (386) 675-6997
- Gary Yeomans Ford, 1420 N. Tomoka Farms Road (386) 310-2342
- Jon Hall Chevrolet, 551 N. Nova Road (386) 271-4134

The Daytona Beach Police Department is the first agency in Central Florida to participate in the nationwide initiative created to build goodwill between police and the communities they serve. To date, 166 law enforcement agencies and 417 auto repair shops in 21 states have participated in the program.



Gary Yeomans' representatives Krissy Chalk and Jeromie Allan and Jon Hall's Bud Ritchey joined Chief Jakari Young to introduce the new initiative during a press conference.

City hosts inaugural "Accelerate Business Summit" in the new year

City leaders are committed to fueling the entrepreneurial spirit within our



community. To give aspiring business owners the knowledge and tools to be successful, a comprehensive business summit is planned for Saturday, Feb. 24 at the Yvonne Scarlett-Golden Cultural and Educational Center, 1000 Vine Street. Mayor Henry and city commissioners encouraged such an event a few months ago. Attendees will gain unparalleled access to resources, networking opportunities and knowledge-sharing sessions designed to fuel business growth and development. There is no cost to attend.

An exciting feature of the summit will be a "Pitch Your Idea" competition. This initiative invites attendees to submit their business ideas for a future competition, where winners will receive prizes designed to help offset the costs of starting or growing their businesses.

Contact Redevelopment Project Manager Phebe Fuqua at (386) 671-8127 for more information.

Chief Financial Officer Patricia Bliss retires

Patricia Bliss, the city's Chief Financial Officer, retired this week after 11 years of service. As CFO, she oversaw 37 employees in the accounting, purchasing and utility billing divisions. Prior to coming to Daytona Beach, she worked at five other municipalities. "Daytona Beach, in particular, has left a lasting impression on me. The city's strong emphasis on family values and its vibrant community spirit aligns with my own values, making it a truly special place to work and live," said Bliss.



Financial Services Manager Christine Aiken, who has worked at the city since 2018, will serve as the interim CFO until a permanent replacement is selected. In 2022, Aiken became a Certified Government Finance Officer after completing a number of rigorous exams that tested her professional competence in accounting and financial reporting, budgeting, treasury management, debt administration and financial administration.



IN THE WORKS



Campbell Aquatic Center (*in progress*): More than 200 broken tiles at the Campbell Aquatic Center, 400 S. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. are being replaced. Once installation is finished, the tiles will be sealed and caulked. In the near future, new underwater light fixtures will be restored in the competition pool. Campbell Aquatic Center is expected to reopen to the public before the new year.



Joe Harris Park Mural (*finished*): To bring life to the exterior wall of the restroom facility, a bold mural was hand-painted at Joe Harris Park, 315 Pearl Street. The mural was the creation of artist Tiff Urquhart, who previously painted vibrant murals at the Dickerson Rec Complex and the Daytona Beach Pier.



Daisy Stocking Park (*under construction*): Work on sidewalks and new walkways between Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Boulevard and the parking lot are in the finishing stage, and new playground equipment is installed. At the beginning of 2024, renovations to the parking lot, painting the stage building and installation of the shade sails will begin. The project is on schedule to be finished in spring 2024.



Schnebly Recreation Center Playground (*under construction*): New playground equipment is being installed at the Schnebly Recreation Center, 1101 N. Atlantic Ave. Designed for older youth, the \$36,400 project includes a swing set and play structure. Expected to be open to the public before 2024, the equipment will be placed in the same area as the current playground.

YSG Waterproofing (*under construction*): Waterproofing of the Yvonne Scarlett-Golden Cultural & Educational Center, 1000 Vine Street, is underway. Crews will seal and caulk the entire outside of the building and courtyard. The project is expected to take three weeks. While under construction, the community center will remain open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday.



Florida Tennis Center Fencing (*upcoming*): Public Works staff completed a walk-through of the property this week to review a project to install new chain link fencing with windscreen fabric, gates and poles around the entire complex at the Florida Tennis Center, 1 Deuce Court. A site meeting is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 5, and work will begin in mid-January. The \$681,414 project is expected to be finished by summer 2024.

Christmas closures and changes to garbage collection schedule

City offices, community centers and the city's public swimming pools will be closed on Monday, Dec. 25 and Tuesday, Dec. 26 in observance of Christmas.

Curbside garbage will not be collected on Christmas day. Monday's collection will be Tuesday, and Tuesday's collection will be Wednesday. Wednesday's yard waste collection will be Saturday, Dec. 30. There will be no changes to the regularly scheduled collections on Thursday and Friday. (Since New Year's Day also falls on Monday, the same schedule will apply the following week.) Live Christmas trees can be placed curbside for pick up on Saturday, Dec. 30 and Saturday, Jan. 6. All decorations should be removed.

GARBAGE COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS WEEK

Monday Dec. 25 Merry Christmas No collection Monday's collection will be picked up Tuesday	Tuesday Dec. 26 Tuesday's collection will be picked up Wednesday	Wednesday Dec. 27 There will be no yard waste collection
Thursday Dec. 28 No changes to regular schedule	Friday Dec. 29 No changes to regular schedule	Saturday Dec. 30 YARD WASTE COLLECTION

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SUNDAY DEC 31, 2023 6PM - 2AM

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Includes: Ring In 2024, Ball Drop & Fireworks

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Registration open for next Citizens Academy class starting in January

Go behind-the-scenes and learn more about your local government during the next *Our Daytona Beach: A Citizens Academy*.



The 9-week program starts Tuesday, Jan. 16, and will meet from 9 a.m. to noon every Tuesday through March 12. There is no cost to participate; however, space is limited. Learn more and register at www.CODB.us/CitizensAcademy.

DOWNTOWN DAYTONA BEACH NIGHTS

JAN. 5 5:00 - 9:00 PM

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