

Georgia Council on American Indian Concerns  
Historic Preservation Division  
VIA ZOOM  
Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
September 8, 2021 1:30 p.m.

**Call to Order**

*Present:*

*Guests:*

*Invocation:* Crews

*Approval of minutes:* Minutes Tabled until next meeting.

*Treasurer's Report:* Nothing to report. Some recent travel, but nothing has been filed.

*Reports from the Tribes*

- Lower Muscogee Tribes Working with DFACS to help the 8 children in custody. Continuing to work with voter rights organizations about redistricting issues that affect the communities. Working with the Cairo City Council to expand their tourism outreach to the tribe. A lot of people have died from Covid in the area so the Tribal offices are only open to the people who have to work there. Continuing to work with local communities to get people the things that they need.
- Georgia Tribe of Eastern Cherokees Glen will be at the UNG to talk about getting their records digitized.
- The Cherokee of Georgia Tribal Council Good turnout for motorcycle ride, the editor for the Charlton Co Herald attended and planned to cover the event with color photos, etc. People in the area are beginning to realize that the community is an economic and cultural benefit. Presentation scheduled for Na Am His month at the library. Work continues on improving the grounds and rebuilding structures there. They got their Dun and Bradstreet number, and are getting all their resources lined up. The mining cases has had some developments based on Water Protection Act issues ruled on in favor of other tribes in the SW. They are filming an episode of Ecosense Living entitled the Living Okeefenokee

*Communications to the Council:*

Emails via web site – McCormick	Email from Lamar Perry, to all state and federal officials including the council, requesting admission to the United Nations.
Telephone calls -- Altman	Questions followed up by Wood, Kirkland and McCormick
Mail – Bouzigard	Mail from Perry as well.
Archaeo Notifications – Altman	None.

*New Business:*

Human remains curation policy	Gooding; Looking for policies that the Council may have regarding human remains and what to do with them. Nealie says that Gresham has probably done something. The records that exist (at Panola) may have information, but those have not been digitized yet. Gooding will develop a policy, and ask for feedback. Goal is to have it all sorted out by the end of the year.
Bulloch County Historical Society	GUEST; Wood: Brent Tharp from the GA Southern Museum visited to talk about the murals proposed for downtown Statesboro featuring Archaic era scenes related to the area. Shared the scene sketches with the Council. The Council approved.
Certificates of appreciation	Kirkland, certificates of appreciation for Debbie Wallsmith and Steve Nicklaus for the work they did on the council.

*Old Business*

East Coweta High School	PRESENTATION: A group of concerned students have been trying to make change about the inappropriate representation of Native American traditions and beliefs as part of their school mascot activities. Hannah gave a very detailed and impressive presentation about how her school presents these inappropriate practices in the context of school systems across the country, asking for support for a resolution to eliminate American Indian mascots across the state.
Revised meeting schedule (see attached)	Revised meeting schedule distributed
Park Passes	On hold for the moment.
Gathering of tribes at Ga Southern for curation workshop/training	Kirkland/Altman
Native American Heritage Month Proclamation	Kirkland; Altman still responsible.

*Announcements:*

*Adjourned:* 3:04 PM

