

Georgia Council on American Indian Concerns
Historic Preservation Division
VIA ZOOM
MINUTES
Regular Meeting
May 11th, 1:30PM

Call to Order

Present: McCrary, Altman, Gooding, Barmore, McCormick, Wood, Kirkland, Jones
Invocation: Royce McCrary

Approval of minutes: Not ready to approve

Guest Presentation: Menelik with GDOT opportunities for Native Americans

Treasurer's Report

Reports from the Tribes

- Lower Muscogee Tribes:
 - working on Muskogee language, teaching it two times a month and giving homework to students
 - At request of a senator put together some direct spend applications for language
 - Several zoom meetings on voting to make sure the people are registered to vote, know where to go to vote, and have transportation to do so
 - Held a two day meeting with four directions and Senator Osoff on voting and other tribal issues
 - Hosted the Israeli consulate and Professor Zimmerman from Australia, language specialist, interested in the tribal language
 - Attended training at Georgia Southern on preservation of materials and documents
 - Mormon Church delivered food to members at the reservation
 - Had individual meetings with Senator David Purdue, Candace Taylor, and Stacy Abrams to get their stance on issues for the Native American population
- Georgia Tribe of Eastern Cherokees: nothing to report
- The Cherokee of Georgia Tribal Council: having a meeting Saturday (5/4)

Communications to the Council

- Phone/email/mail
 - Savannah Demolition: Yamacraw village area in Savannah is a housing area in need of renovation, local concerns that some of that property might be used for other types of development, project falls under cultural resources and environmental review, contacts are concerned that important sites will be destroyed, and low-income minority communities will potentially be displaced
 - No mail
 - Most emails regarding heritage and connections to tribes or land

Old Business

New Business

- Future meeting information, Zoom link for open meetings will be on website
- Braves Working Group Meeting to talk about projects with them and feedback from State Recognized Tribes

Announcements

Adjourned: 2:35 PM