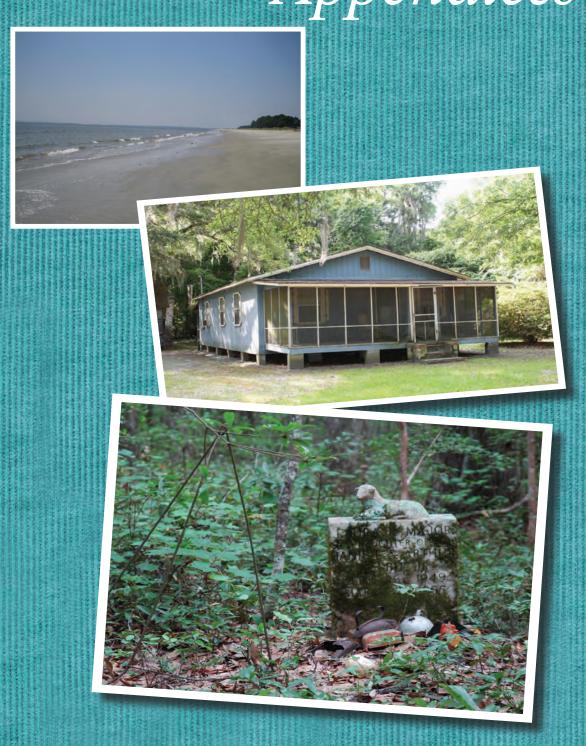
Commission Committees, References, and Appendices



# Commission Committees, References, and Appendices divider photos (top to bottom) • Daufuskie Island, Beaufort County, SC (Photo Credit: NPS) • Traditional Gullah Geechee Home, Hog Hammock Community, Sapelo Island, McIntosh County, GA (Photo Credit: Jeanne C. Cyriaque) • Child's Grave in the Springfield Cemetery, Brookgreen Gardens, Murrells Inlet, Georgetown County, SC (Photo Credit: Althea Natalga Sumpter)

# GULLAH GEECHEE CULTURAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR COMMISSION COMMITTEES, 2008–2012

[A new committee structure to be developed following management plan completion]

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **Executive Committee**

Ronald Daise, Chair Althea Natalga Sumpter, Vice Chair Charles H. Hall, Secretary Ralph B. Johnson, Treasurer Emory S. Campbell, Former Chair Eulis A. Willis, Former Vice Chair Jeanne C. Cyriaque, Former Secretary<sup>4</sup>

### Fiduciary Partnership Committee

John H. Haley, Chair Emory S. Campbell Charles H. Hall Willie B. Heyward Deborah L. Mack <sup>6</sup> William Saunders

### **General Management Plan Committee**

Marquetta L. Goodwine, Chair J. Herman Blake
Emory S. Campbell
Louise Miller Cohen
Jeanne C. Cyriaque
Ronald Daise
Veronica D. Gerald
Nichole Green
John H. Haley
Antoinette Jackson
William Jefferson <sup>7</sup>
Ralph B. Johnson
Deborah L. Mack
Eulis A. Willis

### **Criteria Subcommittee**

J. Herman Blake Veronica D. Gerald

 $<sup>\</sup>frac{4}{2}$  Jeanne C. Cyriaque resigned from the Commission as of November 2011

<sup>5</sup> John H. Haley resigned from the Commission as of October 31, 2011

Deborah L. Mack resigned from the Commission as of February 2010

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> William Jefferson resigned from the Commission as of February 2010

### **Inventory Subcommittee**

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### **Public Involvement Subcommittee**

Louise Miller Cohen Ronald Daise Eulis. A. Willis

### **Marketing Committee**

Ronald Daise, Chair Nichole Green Willie B. Heyward Deborah L. Mack Glenda Simmons-Jenkins, Former Chair<sup>8</sup>

### **Resource Development Committee**

Althea Natalga Sumpter, Chair Lana Carter Daniel Cromer Anthony E. Dixon David B. Frank Amir Jamal Touré Eulis A. Willis

### **AD-HOC COMMITTEES**

### **Bylaws Committee**

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### **Nominating Committee**

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### **Staffing Committee**

Charles H. Hall, Chair Antoinette Jackson Ralph B. Johnson

 $<sup>^{8}</sup>$  Glenda Simmons-Jenkins resigned from the Commission as of July 2009  $\,$ 

### **ISSUE-SPECIFIC COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES**

### **Boundary Subcommittee**

(under General Management Plan Committee)

Anthony E. Dixon Veronica D. Gerald John H. Haley

### Coastal Heritage Centers Subcommittee

(under General Management Plan Committee) J. Herman Blake

Lana Carter Louise Miller Cohen Charles H. Hall Antoinette Jackson

# Partner Packet / Partnership Subcommittee (under Marketing and Resource Development Committees)

Ronald Daise, Co-chair

Lana Carter

**Daniel Cromer** 

Anthony E. Dixon

David B. Frank

Nichole Green

Willie B. Heyward

Althea Natalga Sumpter, Co-chair

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### **Interpretation Plan Committee**

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Emory S. Campbell

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Anthony E. Dixon

David B. Frank

Veronica D. Gerald

John H. Haley

Charles H. Hall

Antoinette Jackson

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### **Implementation Plan Committee**

Ronald Daise, Chair

J. Herman Blake

Emory S. Campbell

Marquetta L. Goodwine

Antoinette Jackson

Ralph B. Johnson

Althea Natalga Sumpter

Eulis A. Willis

### **Management Plan Review Committee**

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### **Public Statement Policy Committee**

Eulis Willis, Chair Louise Miller Cohen Anthony E. Dixon David B. Frank Willie B. Heyward Amir Jamal Touré

### **Web Design Committee**

Althea Natalga Sumpter, Chair J. Herman Blake Ronald Daise Anthony E. Dixon Nichole Green Antoinette Jackson

# TIME LINE OF GULLAH GEECHEE CULTURAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT PLAN PROCESS

April 21-23, 2008

The Commissioners assembled at Penn Center, St. Helena Island, SC. The session was organized and facilitated by the National Park Service, Southeast Regional National Heritage Area Program Office. The majority of the meeting focused on presentations of ethical and legal issues relating to service on a National Commission as Unpaid Governmental Employees. Representatives of several existing national park areas presented illustrative cases.

The Commissioners then met without the presence of nonmembers, and without a designated leader. By common consent, participants selected Commissioner J. Herman Blake to serve as lead person for the Commission until executive officers were elected. Commissioner Blake then selected Commissioner David Frank to organize a By-laws Committee and Commissioner Charles Hall to organize a Nominating committee. Commissioner Lana Carter was selected as a recorder.

With the support of Michael Allen (NPS Liaison), Commissioner Blake planned the organizational meeting scheduled to take place in Charleston, SC.

May 19, 2008

The Commission, at its meeting in Charleston, SC, approved the by-laws recommended (as amended) by Commissioner David Frank and his committee. Commissioner Charles Hall presented a slate of nominees selected by the Nominating Committee. The Commission then elected the following Executive Committee members, reflecting a representative from each of the four states: Emory S. Campbell, Chair (SC); Eulis A. Willis, Vice Chair (NC); Jeanne C. Cyriaque, Secretary (GA); and Ralph B. Johnson, Treasurer (FL).

The following Standing Committees were established:

- Fiduciary Partnership Commissioner John H. Haley, Chair
- General Management Plan Commissioner Marquetta L. Goodwine, Chair
- Marketing Commissioner Glenda Simmons-Jenkins, Chair
- Resource Development Commissioner Althea N. Sumpter, Chair

The following General Management Plan Subcommittees also were established:

- Criteria
- Inventory Commissioner Nichole Green, Chair
- Public Involvement

July 15–16, 2008 The Commission, at its meeting at the Charles Pinckney National Historic

Site, Mount Pleasant, SC, participated with Denver Service Center in a technical assistance meeting to discuss the requirements of the legislation, public involvement strategies, National Environmental Policy Act

compliance, data needs, etc.

August 14–15, 2008 The Commission, at its meeting in Wilmington, NC, participated with Denver

Service Center in a technical assistance workshop focused on specific needs for the planning effort, including resource inventory, business plan, implementation plan and interpretation plan, as well as early implementation

activities.

September 17–18, 2008 The Commission, at its meeting in Darien and Sapelo Island, GA, constructed

the initial draft of the Corridor's Vision, Mission, and Goals, and decided to incorporate in the state of South Carolina and file certificates to conduct business in the other three states. Commissioner Nichole Green volunteered to chair a subcommittee to work on the primary interpretive themes.

September 26, 2008 The Commission became incorporated in the state of South Carolina.

February 20, 2009 The Commission, at its meeting in Jacksonville, FL, formed the Staffing

Committee consisting of Commissioners Charles Hall (Chair), Antoinette Jackson, and Ralph Johnson. The superintendents of several NPS units within the Corridor attended the meeting, along with the Southeast Regional

Director.

From February 19 – August 5, the General Management Plan Committee and Public Involvement Subcommittee officiated at 21 Public Scoping Meetings

throughout the Corridor.

March 19–20, 2009 Commissioner Antoinette Jackson met with Denver Service Center staff to

discuss the roles of DSC team members on the project.

May 15, 2009 The Commission, at its meeting in Georgetown, SC, approved the

recommendations of the Bylaws Committee.

July 17, 2009 The Commission, at its meeting in Wilmington, NC, approved the Marketing

and Resource Committees' development of a Partner Packet and

recommendation to send mail outs to 100 potential partners, requesting their involvement and to meet with them for a face-to-face meeting. Recipients were: each state's congressional delegation; federal agency officials; the governors of the four states; state cabinet members and high-ranking state officials, county and town administrators, mayors, and regional, county, and

local planning directors; representatives from convention and visitor

bureaus; and chambers of commerce.

The Commission approved the Executive Committee's appointment of Commissioner Ronald Daise as Chair of the Marketing Committee, upon the resignation from the Commission of Commissioner Glenda Simmons-

Jenkins.

From April 9 – May 3, 2009, the Commission held four (4) face-to-face workshops with potential partners in FL, SC, NC, and GA.

September 29– October 1, 2009

The Executive Committee met with Denver Service Center in Denver, CO to discuss the plan's schedule, budget, and scope. Public comment analysis was reviewed and NEPA requirements were discussed, including ideas for preliminary alternatives. Key elements of the plan, such as boundary adjustments, partnerships, and coastal heritage center(s) were also on the agenda for discussion.

October 23, 2009

The Commission, at its meeting in Savannah, GA, gave and listened to a variety of reports on various projects and initiatives related to the Corridor, including the report by Executive Committee members and participants who attended the workshop in Denver, CO.

February 19, 2010

The Commission, at its meeting in St. Augustine, FL, approved the Marketing Committee's report to disseminate 50 upper tier mail-outs about partnerships to government officials.

Following the Nominating Committee's recommendation of candidates, the Commission re-elected the following Executive Committee members at the Commission meeting in St. Augustine, FL: Emory S. Campbell, Chair (SC); Eulis A. Willis, Vice Chair (NC); Ralph B. Johnson, Treasurer (FL); and it elected Charles H. Hall, Secretary (GA).

The following Issue-Specific Subcommittees were established: Boundary, Coastal Heritage Centers, and Partner Packet/Partnership.

Chairman Campbell and NPS Community Partnership Specialist Allen reported that the Commission, National Park Service, and Denver Service Center, Planning Division signed a Project Agreement for the Denver Service Center, Planning Division to develop the Corridor's Management Plan.

May 20, 2010

The Commission, at its meeting in Charleston, SC, formally recognized the following as "Former Commission Members": Deborah L. Mack, GA; William Jefferson, FL; and Glenda Simmons-Jenkins, FL.

The Commission approved the Boundary Committee's recommendation to include Pender County, NC, which was included in the NPS *Lowcountry Gullah Special Resource Study*, as well as St. Johns County, FL due to its historical and current connections to Gullah Geechee history, culture and people. The Boundary Committee recommended that this be included in the developing Management Plan. The Boundary Committee reiterated that the boundary does not change until the plan is signed by the secretary of the interior. It also proposed that no other territory be added to the Corridor in the future and that the boundaries of the Corridor be fixed.

The Nominating Committee presented recommendations for a process by which to solicit new members of the Commission. A decision was made to

consider conversion of alternates into commissioners before looking for individuals who had not previously been involved with the Commission.

August 13, 2010

The Commission, at its meeting in Southport, NC, approved the recommendations of the Marketing Committee and Partner Packet / Partnership Subcommittee to:

- 1. authorize the "Preliminary Alternatives" Newsletter draft for 1,000 mail outs throughout the Corridor on September 20, 2010;
- 2. alter the Partnership Outreach strategy by sending Partner Packets to local government offices via PDF instead of mail outs; and
- 3. include copy revisions that had been voiced by attendees at each statewide Partnership meeting.

The Commission also approved the recommendation of the Coastal Heritage Center Subcommittee regarding the Coastal Heritage Center Decision Criteria.

November 19, 2010

The Commission, at its meeting in Brunswick, GA, selected the Preferred Alternative upon an assessment of public opinion. Following the selection, the following Issue-Specific Subcommittees were established: Interpretation Plan, Implementation, Management Plan Review, and Public Statement Policy.

The Commission approved the Partnership Subcommittee's recommendation to work with DSC for the next two to three months to finalize the Preferred Alternative and to develop strategies to continue reaching out to partners in a strategic manner to build critical relationships needed to implement the management plan.

The Commission approved the recommendation of the Fiduciary Committee to continue procuring a fiscal agent.

February 10, 2011

Members of the Interpretation Plan Committee, along with other commissioners who assisted in drafting the primary interpretive themes of the Corridor, met with Melisaa English-Rias, Interpretative Specialist for the NPS Southeast Regional Office, to discuss the primary interpretive themes she drafted.

February 11, 2011

The Commission, at its meeting in Jacksonville, FL, approved the Report on Refining and Finalizing the Preferred Alternative, submitted by Partnership Subcommittee Co-chairs: Commissioner Althea N. Sumpter, Resource Development, Chair; and Commissioner Ronald Daise, Marketing, Chair.

The Fiduciary Committee was authorized to establish conversation/negotiations for the purpose of securing a fiscal agent/fiscal sponsorship for the Commission.

The Commission approved the Nominating Committee's/Staffing Committee's recommendation of names of prospective citizens to fill

vacancies of Commission members. The names subsequently were submitted to the U.S. Secretary of the Interior for approval.

During Executive Session, the Commission approved the establishment of a Web Design Committee.

May 27, 2011

The Commission, at its meeting in Bluffton, SC, approved the Implementation Plan Committee's recommendations to:

- 1. focus implementation efforts on three interdependent pillars: education, economic development, and documentation and preservation;
- 2. establish the Corridor Organization Chart; and
- 3. develop partnerships through proposed Partner, Partner Site, and Stakeholder applications.

The Commission also approved the Public Statement Policy document prepared by the Public Statement Committee.

The Commission was introduced to the Web site design and structure created by an advanced class of web designers from The Art Institute of Atlanta, under the supervision of the Web Design Committee. Afterward, the Commission approved the Web Design Committee's report that the Commission's Web site, www.gullahgeecheecorridor.org, was almost completed, was available online, and would be ready to launch officially in the immediate future.

July 21, 2011

A Draft Management Plan was distributed to the Management Plan Review Committee for its review and comment. The comment period lasted until August 7, 2011.

August 19, 2011

Following a number of conference calls to address comments by the Management Plan Review Committee, a revised Draft Management Plan was distributed to all Commission members, National Heritage Area Program staff, and superintendents of national parks within the Corridor at or immediately following the quarterly business meeting in Burgaw, NC. The full Commission review period closed on September 23, 2011.

September 20, 2011

The following Management Plan Review Committee members formed subcommittees to draft and edit revised Draft Management Plan documents, which subsequently were approved by the full Management Plan Review Committee:

- "Contemporary Events of Significance" Commissioner Ronald Daise
- "Who Are Gullah Geechee People?" Commissioner J. Herman Blake
- "Folk Life and Traditions" Commissioners Althea N. Sumpter and Ronald Daise
- "Heirs' Property" Commissioners Marquetta L. Goodwine and Willie Heyward
- "Heritage Tourism" Commissioner Antoinette Jackson

- "Historical Overview of the Gullah Geechee People and Culture" Commissioners John H. Haley and Anthony Dixon
- "Language and Oral Traditions" Commissioner David B. Frank
- "Letter of Support from SC NHA and Alliance of NHAs" NPS Partnership Specialist Michael Allen
- Photo Editor Commissioner Althea N. Sumpter
- "Resource Inventory" Commissioners John H. Haley (NC), Marquetta L. Goodwine (SC), Althea N. Sumpter (GA), and Antoinette Jackson (FL)
- "Significance Statements" Management Plan Review Committee
- "Socioeconomic Conditions" Chairman Emory S. Campbell and Commissioner J. Herman Blake

### November 11, 2011

The Commission, at its meeting in Midway, GA, decided to pursue an agreement with the Gullah Geechee Sustaining Fund to serve as the Commission's fiscal agent.

The Commission granted authority to the Management Plan Review Committee to grant final approval of documents in the Draft Management Plan before and after public review. The Commission approved Commissioner Ronald Daise as Chair of the Management Review Committee.

February 23–24, 2012 The Commission elected Ronald Daise as Chair-Elect and Althea Natalga Sumpter as Vice Chair-Elect of the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission.

June 1, 2012

The Commission, based on the recommendation of the Management Plan Review Committee, approved the management plan for public distribution.

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### **Fort Federica National Monument**

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### **APPENDICES**

The enclosed CD contains the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Management Plan Appendices.

- **Appendix A** *Designating Law:* Includes the law that designated the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor and established the requirements for the management plan.
- **Appendix B** *Commission Bylaws:* Includes the adopted bylaws of the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission which serve as the operating procedures of the Commission.
- **Appendix** C *Resource Inventory:* Includes definitions of inventory categories and identifies the many tangible resources that support the intangible primary interpretive themes of the Corridor.
- Appendix D *Boundary*: Includes resolutions supporting the inclusion of Pender County and St. Johns County in the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor as well as a letter of support from the former Governor of Florida. Additional historical information justifying the inclusion of St. Johns County in the Corridor is also included.
- **Appendix E** *Partner Applications*: Includes the partnership applications forms, as well as a detailed explanation of how to complete them.
- Appendix F *Early Implementation*: Includes a position statement and letter to the president of the College of Charleston, along with a news article related to the Commission's assistance in preserving McLeod Plantation on James Island, South Carolina. Also included are a letter to the secretaries of the interior and agriculture, a letter to the Charleston County Council chairman and corresponding resolution, a letter of support to the supervisor of Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests, and a letter of support for the Harris Neck Land Trust's proposal to acquire land in northeast McIntosh County, Georgia.
- Appendix G *Consultation Letters:* Includes letters sent to Native American tribes, State Historic Preservation Officers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and each state's department of natural resources or equivalent.
- Appendix H *Major River Basins & Threatened & Endangered Species:* Includes listings and descriptions of the major river basins in the Corridor. A list of threatened and endangered species in the Corridor is provided as a reference.
- Appendix I *Economic Impact of Tourism:* Includes tourism and economic impact statistics for various geographies and locations. Also includes a brief summary of the methodology for gathering and analyzing information presented in the Socioeconomic Conditions section.
- Appendix J *List of Islands & Festivals:* Includes a list of Sea Islands and islands in tidal areas, as well as local and regional Gullah Geechee festivals and special events.
- **Appendix K** *Potential Partners and Related Plans:* Includes a preliminary list of potential partners, however, given the number of potential partners that the Commission could work with, not all are listed. Known plans that are related to the Corridor are noted.
- **Appendix L** *Recreational and Scenic Resources:* Includes a brief overview of recreational and scenic resources in the Corridor, along with specific examples.

- Appendix M- Bibliography Including Selected References and Additional Sources of Information about Gullah Geechee History, Culture, and People: Includes all selected references that are printed in the document as well as other sources of information (such as books, journal articles, dissertations, films, etc.) about Gullah Geechee history, culture, and people.
- **Appendix** N *Public Comment Reports:* Includes all comments received from Newsletter 1 in February 2009 and Newsletter 2 in September 2010, and letters received in response to Newsletter 2.

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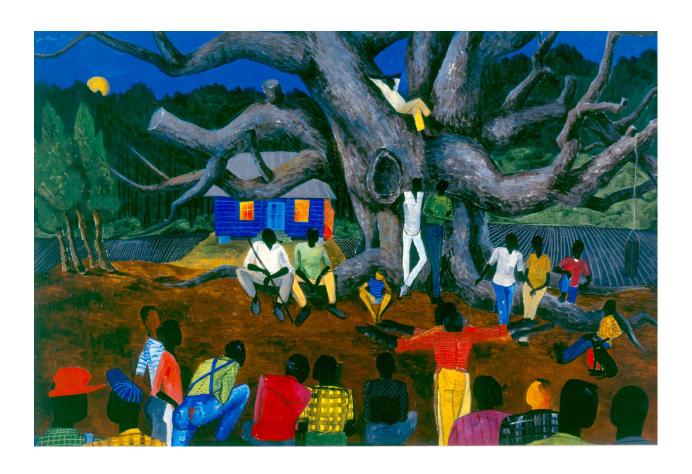
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