AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION
3 year term

The Commission shall have the following powers and duties: (1) Develop rules for the conduct of its business, including but not limited to meeting schedules, election of officers, voting, subcommittees, et al.; (2) Develop a plan to identify, create, encourage, promote and implement projects that will recognize, increase and expand the awareness of the contributions of African-Americans throughout the City-County area; and (3) Create plans to identify and recognize sites in the community that are significant to African-American history; encourage and promote economic activity related to the African American community; and propose other projects that are consistent with the goals of the Commission.

African American Heritage Comm - (3 year term)

Marvin D. Chambers -**NOT** eligible for reappointment
Term to expire 07-01-21
Has served two terms

AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION (3 year term)

MEMBER FName	MEMBER LName	Email	TERM EXPIRES	APPOINTED	TERMS	RESIDENT	RACE	HOMEOWNER	SEX	AREA	OCCUPATION
CITY APPOINTMENTS											
DeWayne	Barton	bloveproductions@bellsouth.net	07-01-23	08-25-20 07-25-17	2	City	AA		M	West	Co Exec Dir - Green Opportunities
Marvin D.	Chambers	mthedean@aol.com	07-01-21	06-19-18	2	City	AA		M	Central	Semi-Retired
Beverly	Miller	emsbabe20204san@gmail.com	07-01-22	01-12-21	unexp	City	B	H	F	West	Operations Supervisor Retired
COUNTY APPOINTMENTS											
Catherine	Mitchell		11/1/21	11-20-18		County					
Aaron	Griffin		11-01-21	03-17-20		County					
Lynne Michelle	Smith		11-01-21	11-20-18		County					
COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS											
Georgia M.	Shannon	georgiamshannon@gmail.com	07-01-16		1	City	AA		F	West	

Council Liaison- Keith Young

AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION (3 year term)

Michael	Hayes	09-01-22	1	City	AA	M
Brandon	Oliver	09-01-22	1			

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AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION

Name	Male	Female	Black	White	Other	North	East	South	West	Central	City	County	Owner/ Renter
Barton	X		X						X		X		
Chambers	X		X							X	X		
Miller		X	X						X				Y
C. Mitchell (County)		X	X					X				X	
Smith (County)		X	X									X	
Griffin (County)	X		X					X		X		X	R
Shannon(Commission)		X	X						X				
Hayes (Commission)	X		X								X		
Oliver (Commission)	X												

African American Heritage Commission - Resource List

APPLICANT FName	APPLICANT LName	Email Address	DATE SUBMITTED APPLICATION	RESIDENT	HOMEOWNER	RACE	SEX	AREA	OCCUPATION	INTEREST IN OTHER BOARDS
Thomas	Ryan	thomas@freefall.biz	08-07-20	City	Y	W	M	North	Self; Freefall Consulting LLC Medical Device Consultant	
Dewayne	McAfee	dkm2510@aol.com	11-20-20 04-14-21	N/R **Candler**	Y Y	N/R B	N/R M	West West	Retired	N/R=no response

City of Asheville

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Application Form

Applicants are strongly urged to attend several meetings of a board prior to applying

Name of board or commission: African American Heritage Commission

Your name: Thomas Ryan Home Phone #: 781-929-8059

Street address: 216 Westridge Farm Rd City: Asheville Zip Code: 28806

Mailing address (if different): _____

Employer: Self-employed; Freefall Consulting LLC

Your position: Medical Device Consultant Office Phone #: 781-929-8059

Resident of City Asheville County Buncombe Race White * Sex M ✔ F ___ * Age 67 *

Are you a Homeowner or a Renter? * Homeowner

Residence location (check one): Central ____ North ✔ South ____ East ____ West ____

Are you aware of any potential conflicts of interest that may arise during your service on this board (i.e., property interest, business interest, etc.)? If so, please explain: _____
NO _____. Potential conflicts of interest do not preclude appointments.

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Regarding expertise, I bring to the commission the basic skills of teamwork, writing, problem-solving, leadership, and planning and executing projects including reaching out to the community. In addition, I bring the experience of 4 years of teaching in the US Peace Corps in Swaziland (now eSwatini) and Sierra Leone (tropical West Africa). I witnessed first-hand the atrocities and blatant, unapologetic, carefully-planned systemic racism of apartheid, from extensive travelling in South Africa in the 1970s, while teaching in Swaziland. In contrast, I lived and taught in African countries that were under self-rule and thrived under a society with fairness and local government.
EDUCATION: BS in Electrical Engineering from Wayne State University; MS in Biomedical Engineering, University of Miami. I worked as an engineer and in management in the medical device field for more than 30 years with large companies (J&J, Smith and Nephew) as well as 5 start-ups, including a recent CEO position. Being in touch with the community (the patients) was very important and drove the projects from the beginning. As a long-time student of African arts and culture, starting with my time and travels to 17 countries in Africa, learning language and culture, I want to continue my efforts with this commission which is entrusted with promoting African American arts, history and culture. I can contribute to the work, planning , and discussions with the community. SEE ATTACHED

eSigned via SeamlessDocs.com
Thomas Ryan
Key: df7d721a96e98f4d2aa1f602f0fc5678

Signature: _____

Date: 8/7/2020

E-Mail: thomas@freefall.biz

Fax #: _____

Return to:

Sarah Terwilliger, Deputy City Clerk
Post Office Box 7148
Asheville, N.C. 28802-7148

E-Mail: sterwilliger@ashevillenc.gov
Telephone: 259-5839
Fax #: 259-5499

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Dear Members of The African American Heritage Commission:

After my undergraduate degree in engineering, I chose to seek an alternative focus for my energy and efforts, thus spending my next four years in Africa as a high school teacher. My Peace Corps Volunteer experience in Swaziland (southern Africa, now eSwatini) and then Sierra Leone (tropical West Africa), began my journey into the appreciation of a variety of African cultures, spread throughout the continent.

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The skills I bring are as follows.

From my career and training: Problem solving; project management and implementation

From start-up company experience: "can't" is not a solution; failures lead to new insights and ultimately new paths forward; wearing of many hats; doing projects economically; meeting aggressive timeframes and schedules; meeting and connecting with stakeholders and the public

From CEO experience: Having the ultimate responsibility and accountability; articulating a project to get buy-in from interested parties; leading a team with a variety of skills and experience; convincing an audience to support a project through education and practical arguments

From getting 53 patents: Finding novel solutions that have never been done before

From 110 scientific publications and book chapters: Writing skills; means to clearly articulate a topic to all experience levels

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Best Regards

Thomas Ryan 07AUG 2020

Thomas P. Ryan

thomas@freefall.biz Mobile: (781) 929-8059

WORK HISTORY

FREEFALL BIOMEDICAL CONSULTING Medical Devices; Guided Surgery/Treatment **2009 - present**
Expert witness for patent litigation; Development/Assessment of energy-based technologies

CEO at Theromics Inc., West Bridgewater, MA **2017-2019**
Developing solutions for thermal ablation of tumors.

ARTHROCARE/ SMITH AND NEPHEW, Austin, TX **2011-2018**
Senior Director of Corporate Research reporting to CTO/ Member R&D Leadership Team

CTO at Oxus Medical *Start-up with novel, steerable oxygen sensing catheter.* **2010-2011**

AVEDRO Inc., Waltham, MA **2008-2009**
Start-up creating precise spatial delivery of energy-based, thermal treatment for vision correction.
Vice President and Chief Scientist reporting to CEO

ACTUALITY SYSTEMS Inc. Bedford, MA **2006-2008**
Venture-backed start-up with novel 3-D and 4-D display hardware and image guided interventions.
Vice President reporting to CEO

MICROSULIS AMERICAS, Waltham, MA **2004-2006**
Venture-backed, UK-based start-up using thermal therapy for cancer treatment from university research.
Vice President of R&D, reporting to Gen. Mgr.

ETHICON, INC., Somerville, NJ **(Johnson & Johnson)** **1999–2004**
A $2 B medical device company, specializing in surgical supplies and energy-based therapy.
Engineering Fellow, reporting to VP

VALLEYLAB, Boulder, CO **(Tyco Healthcare/Covidien)** **1993–1999**
A $1.5 B innovative medical device company specializing in RF based surgical products.
Engineering Manager, reporting to VP

DARTMOUTH MEDICAL SCHOOL and THAYER SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING at DARTMOUTH COLLEGE
Assistant Professor of Medicine, Medical Device Developer for Clinical Patient Use **1985-1993**

STANFORD MEDICAL SCHOOL **1980-1985**
Research Biomedical Engineer

US PEACE CORPS **1975-1979**
Instructor

- Taught Mathematics and Science, History and Geography in Swaziland (Southern Africa) and Sierra Leone (West Africa) for 4 years.

110 Technical Papers and Book Chapters

53 US Patents

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY of MIAMI, MS Biomedical Engineering

UNIVERSITY of DENVER, courses toward Masters' in Management of Technology

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY, BS Electrical Engineering

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Name of board or commission: African American Heritage Commission

Your name: Dewayne McAfee Home Phone #: 312-307-9705

Street address: 348 Dogwood Rd City: Candler Zip Code: 28715

Mailing address (if different): _____

Employer: Retired

Your position: NA Office Phone #: _____

Resident of City Candler County Buncomb Race Black * Gender Identity: (non-trans) man

Are you a Homeowner or a Renter? * Homeowner Age: 63

Residence location (check one): Central _____ North _____ South _____ East _____ West ✔

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PO Box 7148
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Email: boards@ashevillenc.gov
Telephone: 259-5839
Fax #: 259-5499

Signature: Dewayne McAfee

Date: 4/14/21

E-Mail: dkm2510@aol.com

Fax #: _____

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