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Preservation group to hold public meeting in York August 8

The Black Heritage Council of the Alabama Historical Commission (BHC) will hold its regular scheduled board meeting Saturday, August 8 at 10:00 a.m. at the Hightower Center, 615 2nd Avenue in York. Founded in 1984, the Council is the only statewide organization whose mission is to preserve historic places in Alabama related to the history and culture of African Americans.

The community is invited to attend the meeting which is open to the public. The group will discuss details on a planned workshop next year in York which will focus on how the town's assets can be used for economic and community development. In addition to the York workshop, the Council will discuss its historical marker program, historic restoration projects and African American historic places database.

At their March meeting, the Council elected Sumter County native Sanquetta Thompson, Assistant Director of the Regional Center for Community and Economic Development at the University of West Alabama in Livingston to serve on the board.

For more information about the Black Heritage Council, visit the Alabama Historical Commission's website at www.preserveala.org under the "affiliated groups" section or contact the Chairperson, Ms. Frazine Taylor at 334.353.4673 or at frazine.taylor@archives.alabama.gov. To receive the Council's free newsletter, send your name, address, phone number and e-mail address to Dorothy.Walker@preserveala.org.

To protect, preserve, and interpret Alabama's historic places is the mission of the Alabama Historical Commission, Alabama's state agency for historic preservation.

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