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Jackson County Executive

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TO: MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE
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FROM: FRANK WHITE, JR.
JACKSON COUNTY EXECUTIVE

DATE: MARCH 23, 2016

RE: APPOINTMENTS TO THE JACKSON COUNTY FREEDOM MEMORIAL
WALL COMMISSION

Pursuant to chapter 95 of the Jackson County Code, I hereby make the following appointments to the Jackson County Freedom Memorial Wall Commission:

- **Sharon Sanders Brooks** is appointed for a term to expire September 21, 2018.
- **Karen Slaughter** is appointed for a term to expire September 21, 2018.

Copies of the resumes of all appointees are attached.

Date: 3/23/16



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SHARON SANDERS BROOKS

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Qualification Highlights

Historical Consultant with over 20 years of experience as a historian/collector and over 10 years of museum and archive board governance; public policy and volunteer experience. Researcher who consistently demonstrates a unique combination of organizational and administrative skills combined with an exemplary knowledge of African American history and information research seeks a position where experience, motivation, and commitment to excellence will be utilized and advanced. **Memberships: Association of African American Museums; American Alliance of Museums & the Association for the Study of African American Life and History Inc. (ASALH).**

- Ten + years of professional experience
- Indepth experience with historical research and artifact collection
- Excellent community relations; project management; team leadership and event planning skills
- Goal oriented and works collaboratively with other administrators and officials
- Adapts easily to new concepts and responsibilities

Education and Training

**The American University, Washington, DC
City**

Bachelors in Journalism

Minor: Concentration-Political Science

University of Missouri-Kansas

Certificate in Neighborhood and Community

Economic Development

Experience

Basic Black Historical Consultant Service, Kansas City, Missouri

1995 - Present

Historian/Collector

- Gather historical data from sources such as archives, court records, diaries, news files, and photographs, as well as collect data sources such as books, pamphlets, and periodicals.
- Trace or research historical and political development of African Americans, using sources.
- Conduct educational tours, historical research, designed exhibits and publish or present specific findings.
- Speak to various groups, organizations, to promote the aims and activities of historical societies.
- Prepare publications and or review those prepared by others, to ensure their historical accuracy.
- Present historical accounts in terms of individuals or ethnic, economic, or geographic groupings.
- Determine which topics to research, or pursue research topics specified by clients or

employers.

- Research and prepare manuscripts in support of public programming and the development of exhibits at historic sites, museums, libraries, archives and other specific venues or locations.
- Advise or consult with individuals regarding issues such as the historical authenticity of materials. Recommend actions related to historical art, such as which items to add to a collection or exhibit.

Other Relevant Experience

- *Member/Volunteer*, Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, 2000 - Present
- *Historian/Board Member/Volunteer*, American Jazz Museum, 1997 - Present
- *Historian/Board Member*, Black Archives of Mid-America, Incorporated, 2006 - 2013
- *Public Policy Advocacy Team* American Alliance of Museums, 2007 – 2011
- Charter Member & Artifact Donor, Smithsonian National Museum of African American History & Culture (NMAAHC) Washington, D.C.
- City Councilmember Kansas City, Missouri 2007-2011
- Missouri State Representative, District 37 2000-2006

Karen Slaughter

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Objective: To contribute to your organization's success through the use of effective communication skills, issue management, problem solving, and people skills.

Employment: Retail Senior Technology Specialist 2007 – Present
T&BE Retail Technology
Hallmark Cards

- Define business requirements, retail testing, marketing, deployment and communication for retail technology to the retail store network.
- Direct and managing all Hallmark Retail technology requests relating to the enhancement, integration, development, and delivery of software updates.
- Serve as the Hallmark Retail Technology business contact responsible for all technology related initiatives, projects, and priorities for Hallmark Retail stores.
- Work with outside vendors and contractors to maximize Hallmark Retail's return on its substantial investment in retail technologies and toward enabling continued growth in the future.

Technical Liaison 1996-2007
Customer Solutions Center
Hallmark Cards

- Collaborate with Business Development and Solutions programmers in multiple stages of technology development and testing.
- Design and execute tests plans and cases to verify accuracy and compatibility of technology systems when necessary.
- Anticipate, acquire and disseminate pertinent information to properly prepare the department for change.

Technical Support Specialist (Seasonal) 1989-1995
H & R Block

- Provide technical support to external customers, internal field associates and management via telephone, email and chat.
- Serve as liaison between clients and management, support groups and the business units.

Benefit Authorizer 1982-1989
Dept of Health and Human Services

- Effectuate payment of Social Security and Disability benefits.
- Remain knowledgeable of changes in eligibility requirements.
- Communicate effectively in oral and written work with beneficiaries, field offices and congressional or state office representatives.

Education: B. A. Political Science/Communications 2001
University of Missouri at Kansas City
A. A. Paralegal Technologies 1998
Penn Valley Community College

Skills: SQL Query, Microsoft Office, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Tomax Retail.Net Software, Certified Project Manager, Type 55w.p.m. 10-key by touch, Strategic Planning, Customer Service, Training, Process Improvement

Affiliations: Board of Directors, High Aspirations Mentoring Program 2012-2015
President, Key Coalition INC 2010 – Present

Awards & Recognition: Good Neighbor Award City of Kansas City MO - 2010