

HISTORIC RESOURCES AND MUSEUMS ADVISORY BOARD

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Formation of the Board

On September 20, 2012, City Council created the Historic Resources and Museums Advisory Board (HRMAB) to advise the Council about City assets which tell Raleigh's story, past, present and future. These institutions, sites and programs are managed by the City of Raleigh Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department in the Historic Resources and Museums Program (HRM Program). The assets are:

- Borden Building, Fred Fletcher Amphitheater and Stone Circle at Fletcher Park
- City Cemetery
- City of Raleigh (COR) Museum
- Dr. M.T. Pope House Museum
- Dorothea Dix Park Artifact Collection
- Historic Resources and Museum Program Artifact Collection
- John Chavis Memorial Park Carousel and Heritage Plaza
- John P. "Top" Greene African American Cultural Park
- Latta University Historic Park
- Moore Square
- Mordecai Historic Park
- Mount Hope Cemetery
- O'Rorke-Catholic Cemetery
- Pullen Park Historic Attractions
- Raleigh Trolley Program (2)
- Tucker House

HRM Advisory Board Mission

The mission of the Historic Resources and Museums Advisory Board, hereinafter referred to as the HRMAB, shall be to promote, coordinate, and strengthen the advocacy and advancement of public programs within the Historic Resources and Museums Program to further the cultural development of the City.

HRM Advisory Board Vision Statement

The vision of the Historic Resources and Museums Advisory Board is to be a leader in advocacy and advancement of programming, preservation, communication, and public involvement associated with Raleigh's Historic Sites, Museums, and historical collections, recognizing these are essential contributors to the economy and quality of life of Raleigh and its citizens. Further, this Advisory Board is to advance public programs, encourage efficient operations, and support

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staff in efforts to provide all Raleigh citizens and visitors diverse opportunities for cultural engagement, education and stewardship, understanding always that the story of Raleigh is the story of American democracy. The success of the Board will be measured by the quantity and quality of public engagement in our facilities and programs.

Board Organization and Work Plan

The Board is organized into four permanent standing committees.

The **Collections Committee** assists staff in identifying objects for accession and deaccession working within the framework of the Historic Resources and Museums Collection Policy. In 2026, the committee will:

- Continue to hold regular meetings to make recommendations for accessions and de-accessions.
- Work with HRM Program staff to evaluate current collection storage and projected future collection storage needs. Develop recommendations for future collection storage requirements.

The **Program and Exhibit Committee** works with staff to promote and sustain public programs and exhibits. In 2026, the committee will:

- Develop a program or exhibit for one of the program sites to include the cemeteries.
- Document the program or exhibit to measure/evaluate the success of the project and revisit/refine the recently developed evaluation process when needed.
- Continue to evaluate third party exhibit proposals as they are received and revisit/refine the recently developed evaluation process when needed.

The **Community Engagement Committee** works with staff to increase awareness of the HRM program. The Committee also works to establish liaisons with other boards and commissions, as well as other organizations in the city and county involved in preserving the historic and cultural heritage of Raleigh. In 2026, the committee will:

- Assist staff in planning, developing, and hosting the annual HRM Program Volunteer Banquet.
- Continue to develop relationships with staff, other City boards, and commissions, as well as other public and private boards, commissions, or interest groups. Plan and execute a gathering of community partners to create a network of affiliated supporters.
- Encourage community support and awareness of HRM sites and programming.
- Identify and solicit qualified candidates for membership to recommend to city council liaison for consideration.

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The **Executive Committee** is focused on board development and management, supporting staff in strategic planning, and providing advice and analysis of program challenges and opportunities. In 2026, the committee will:

- Advise and assist staff in implementation of HRM Strategic Plan to include any developing or associative outcomes.
- Develop and report the HRM Advisory Board work plan to City Council, assist staff in creating the HRM Program Annual Report.
- Support staff with Board development, retreats or planning sessions.
- Support staff in identifying resource, program and heritage tourism needs and gaps.
- Support staff in developing meeting agendas.
- Identify and propose a slate of Officers annually.

The Board is particularly appreciative of the support which has been provided to this program by Council, City Administration, and the dedicated staff with which the program has been blessed.

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