

Eatonville Initiative Advisory Committee Meetings June 2026

The Eatonville Initiative Advisory Committee met twice in June on June 4, 2026 and on June 18, 2026.

Key Topics in June

Presentation to Town Council: Members discussed the experience of their first presentation to the Town of Eatonville Town Council. They described the experience as reinforcing the need for disciplined communication, strong trust-building, and continued focus on protecting Eatonville's legacy while advancing delivery of long-term community benefit. Members shared that they were pleased to have the opportunity to present, and that continued communication efforts are exceptionally important for building positive relationships with Town government and community members.

Finalizing Mission: After reviewing progress on Vision, Values, and Pillars, the committee set to work on updating its mission statement. Potential mission statements were created, and committee members will vote on the final Mission statement in July.

Park & Pavilion Concept: Concept design firm AOA presented a concept for the Park and Pavillion space on the Hungerford site. Committee members walked through the concept plan and gave early feedback on the proposed elements of park which include a playground, festival space, pavilion, outdoor classroom, and a cultural history story walk. Members were asked to think about what the resident and tourist experience should be. Dr. Phillip's revisions will inform the concept plan that will be presented to the community and Town Council in early August.

June 4, 2026 Attendance: Committee - Michelle Fort (Member), Theo McWhite (Member), Carol Buford (Member), Bruce Mount Jr. (Member), Simmon Reed (Member), Joyce Irby (Member), Dr. Candace Finley (Member), Bahiyyah Maroon (Committee Chair), Stephanie Vanos (Ex-Officio Member)

Dr. Phillips Charities - Ken Robinson (Dr. Phillips Charities), Thomas Williams (Dr. Phillips Charities), Terry Prather (Board Chair),

June 18, 2026 Attendance:

Committee - Michelle Fort (Member), Theo McWhite (Member), Carol Buford (Member), Bruce Mount Jr. (Member), Simmon Reed (Member), Joyce Irby (Member), Dr. Candace Finley (Member), Bahiyyah Maroon (Committee Chair), Bea Hatler (Ex officio member).

Dr. Phillips Charities - Ken Robinson (Dr. Phillips Charities), Thomas Williams (Dr. Phillips Charities), Terry Prather (Board Chair), Stephanie St. John (Executive Assistant). By invite of Dr. Phillips Charities, AOA team members were also present.

