

## Advisory Committee Meeting

Committee members met on July 2, 2026. Key topics:

**Finalizing Mission, Vision, Values, Pillars:** The committee completed its recommendation for the mission statement. The updated Mission, Vision, Values, and Pillars will be submitted to the Dr. Phillips Charities Board of Directors with final approval of the updates expected in late July.

**Community Engagement Project Presentation:** Candace Finley and Malcolm Jones gave a presentation on community engagement activities done on a Town of Eatonville project for the Denton Johnson Center related to water storage. They shared findings of feedback from community conversations and workshops about what the most important features are for people when it comes to community parks in Eatonville.

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).

Dr. Phillips Charities - Thomas Williams (Dr. Phillips Charities), Terry Prather (Board Chair), Sophie Henner (Communications Specialist), Stephanie Henner (Executive Assistant to the CEO).

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## Media Training

Advisory committee members completed media training by Whatever's Good Media. During the training, they were given opportunities to practice public communication skills.

# Eatonville Initiative

## Mission, Vision & Values

### VISION:

The Eatonville Initiative is a catalyst for resident-centered preservation & limitless opportunity.

**MISSION:** To honor and safeguard Eatonville's legacy and Black Culture. We support a thriving, empowered community and promote economic vitality for all generations.

## Our Values WHAT GUIDES EVERY DECISION

**Protecting History & Legacy:** Honoring Eatonville's rich past & bright future.

**Trust, Integrity, & Accountability:** Honoring our commitments, being transparent, and holding ourselves responsible to the community.

**Listening & Engagement:** Centering community voices through open, ongoing dialogue.

**Collaborative Stewardship:** Consistently engaging community voices and being responsible to collaborative stewardship.

**Prioritizing the prevention of displacement:** Eatonville Initiative Projects are evaluated through the lens of not displacing existing residents.

## Five Pillars FOUNDATIONS OF A THRIVING FUTURE

### Economic Opportunity

Pathways to long-term stability & opportunity

### Workforce Growth

Creating job opportunities & training pathways

### Education

Supporting education & opportunities for residents to succeed

### Attainable Housing

Homeownership Affordable Housing & Mixed Income

### Health & Wellness

Community opportunity for health & wellness