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Eatonville Initiative October 2026 Highlights

Eatonville Heritage Campus and Museum of Culture & History

The Orange County Board of County Commissioners voted to approve Dr. Phillips Charities' TDT proposal for review by the OC Tourism Development Council. DPC applied for $60M in TDT funding for an $85M heritage campus and museum on the historic Hungerford site. Dr. Phillips is one of thirteen projects recommended for funding.

As the heritage campus and museum move forward, Dr. Phillips is committed to listening, learning, and collaborating to make sure the project honors, safeguards, and reflects the remarkable stories and history in Eatonville. An additional vote will take place in December of 2026.

Click ***here to view the full proposal presentation.***





Advisory Committee Meeting

Committee members met on October 1st. The meeting began with a presentation from Fox Design, a Black owned design & branding company. Fox Design presented options for the Eatonville Initiative's brand identity with a focus on palette options. Overall committee members appreciated that the agency delivered a genuinely thoughtful presentation that considered the importance of balancing ideals including preservation and innovation.

Committee members then discussed what are the right and wrong approaches to preserving Black culture and Eatonville's legacy. Committee members shared strong opinions about the essential role of putting respect at the foundation of all preservation work and ensuring that transparency and accuracy are always front and center.

Attendance: Committee - Bruce Mount Jr. Esq. (Member), Simmon Reed (Member), Joyce Irby (Member), Dr. Candace Finley (Member), Dr. Bahiyyah Maroon (Committee Chair), Carol Buford (Member). Dr. Phillips Charities - Thomas Williams (Dr. Phillips Charities), Terry Prather (Board Chair), Ken Robinson (Dr. Phillips CEO), Stephanie Henner (EA to the CEO).

Initiative Website

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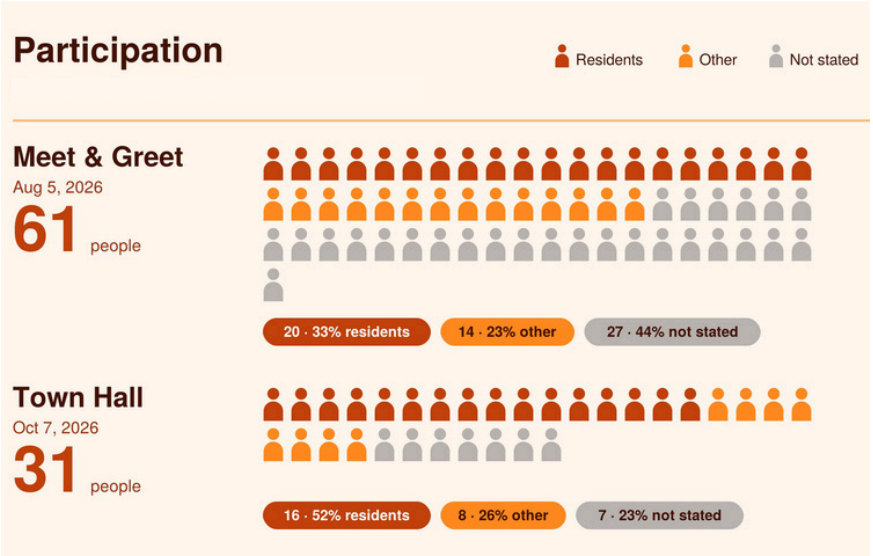
Eatonville Initiative Community Event Highlights

Eatonville Voices: In August and October residents attended community discussions. People offered feedback to guide Dr. Phillips Charities as it listens, learns, and partners. Despite bad weather in October, there were many people who came out. Dr. Phillips is grateful to everyone who attended the events to share their opinions.



Topics Discussed at community events

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How Dr. Phillips Charities can be a good partner to Eatonville.

How Eatonvillians can be partners to the Eatonville Initiative.

The do's & don't for preservation work that respects and protects heritage & legacy.

Community benefits of the initiative.

What the legacy & heritage of Hungerford and Eatonville mean to residents.

The definitions of heritage and of legacy.

What causes concern about the Eatonville Initiative.

What inspires optimism about the Eatonville Initiative.

Keep the Conversation Flowing

Community events will continue. All Eatonvillians are invited to join the conversations. An excerpt of the October event can be viewed here or at drphillips.org.

Add your voice by emailing eatonvilleinfo@drphillips.org.

- Share your opinions on the topics discussed at community events.
- Schedule one-to-one conversation or a group discussion with Advisory Committee members.
- Send questions about the Dr. Phillips Charities Eatonville Initiative.

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