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TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: David Whitaker, Director
Legislative Policy Division Staff
DATE: March 28, 2019
RE: **Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History**

On March 22, 2019, the Detroit City Council requested that the Legislative Policy Division (LPD), to report on the relationship between the City of Detroit and Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History and to determine how a Councilmember may be added to its board.

Background

The Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History (CHWMAAH), as is it known today, was founded on March 10, 1965, by Dr. Charles Wright, an obstetrician and gynecologist, in partnership with a group of 33 community members, as Detroit's first International Afro-American Museum.¹ The Museum, known by the acronym I AM, opened on January 30, 1966 at 1549 West Grand Boulevard with dozens of exhibits showcasing such items as African masks from Nigeria and Ghana and the inventions of Elijah McCoy.²

According to the museum's website, in the fall of 1978, the City of Detroit agreed to lease the Museum a plot of land between John R and Brush, to build a facility five times larger than its West Grand Boulevard location. In order to raise the necessary funds, Detroit Public School students participated in a "Buy a Brick" campaign, raising \$80,000 for the new facility. Following the students' initiative. In addition, a "Million Dollar Club" was formed, of which each member was encouraged to pledge at least a \$1,000 at minimum. The initiative raised \$300,000.

¹ The International Afro-American Museum filed its Articles of Incorporation with the Michigan Department of Commerce on February 21, 1966.

² <https://thewright.org/index.php/explore/about-the-museum>

In 1985, the Museum of African American History³ and the City of Detroit formed a partnership to build a new facility in the city's University Cultural Center, securing the funding to complete the \$3.5 million facility. The name of the International Afro-American Museum was changed to the Museum of African American History⁴ and ground was broken for a new facility on May 21, 1985. Two years later, on May 8, 1987, the Museum of African American History reopened to the public at a new 28,000-square-foot structure.⁵

Relationship between the CHWMAAH & the City of Detroit

The relationship between the two entities, the CHWMAAH and the City of Detroit is limited to that of a *component unit*⁶ in the City of Detroit's financial statements. According to its CAFR,⁷ the CHWMAAH, is represented as a "*component unit*" in the City's financial statements because *the Mayor selects the members of its board and the City provides financial support* for the museum. The annual stipend the CHWMAAH receives from the City is budgeted for \$1.9 million, in the upcoming FY 20, in **appropriation 05414 - Non-Departmental African American History Museum**, in the Non Departmental budget.

Given the fact that the CHWMAAH is a legally separate entity from the City of Detroit, the Council would be limited in its authority over the museum.⁸ However, the Mayor who appoints its board, may have a certain degree of influence with the board of the museum, that the Council does not have.

Regarding how a Council member may be placed on the board of the CHWMAAH, the Mayor would have the ability to place a Council member or a Council selected representative to the board. According to Article V, Section 2, of the By-Laws of the Museum of African American History, Inc., "*The Board shall consist of not less than thirteen (13) Trustees and no more than 35 Trustees who shall be appointed by the Mayor of the City of Detroit.*" In addition, the bylaws also indicate that the board members are required to pay annual dues as well, however, the board has the right to waive the annual dues.⁹

Please contact us if we can be of any further assistance.

Attachments

³ The Museum has filed several amendments to their Articles of Incorporation, changing its name multiple times throughout its history.

⁴ An amendment to the Articles of Incorporation was filed May 23, 1984.

⁵ The Museum of African American History filed a name change with the Michigan Department of Consumer Industry Services under the assumed name of "*Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History,*" on July 17, 1998.

⁶ **Component units** as defined in GASB Statement No. 14, component units are legally separate organizations for which the elected officials of the primary government are financially accountable. They may be a governmental organization (except those that meet the definition of a primary government), a nonprofit corporation, or a for-profit corporation.- **Definition of the Local Government Financial Reporting Entity**
https://www.michigan.gov/treasury/0,4679,7-121-1751_2194_3449_3464-7611--,00.html

⁷ Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

⁸ The *Museum of African American History, Inc.* is registered with the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) as a "Domestic Nonprofit Corporation."

⁹ By-Laws of MAAH Article III Memberships Section 1. Eligibility. Any person who is committed to the aims of this corporation, and who has paid the yearly dues as prescribed by the Board of Trustees (unless payment of such dues has been expressly waived by the Board), shall be eligible for membership in the corporation.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

INTERNATIONAL AFRO-AMERICAN MUSEUM, INC.

These Articles of Incorporation are signed and acknowledged by the incorporators for the purpose of forming a non-profit corporation under the provisions of Act No. 327 of the Public Acts of 1931, as amended as follows:

ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation is:

INTERNATIONAL AFRO-AMERICAN MUSEUM, INC.

ARTICLE II

The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is formed are as follows:

(a) To provide for research, compilation, preservation, publication and dissemination of knowledge and information relating to the history, the growth, the development and the heritage and culture of all Negro peoples and the human struggle for freedom; to give an accurate sense of identity and worth to America's Negroes by demonstrating the quality and depth of their contributions to the United States of America, the New World, and world culture; to provide a means of collecting and storing artifacts and other source materials to be used in research on the history of the New World Negro; to establish, construct, operate and maintain an International Afro-American Museum and to encourage the promotion and establishment of such branches of the same as may be necessary for the accomplishment of these purposes.

(b) No part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation in any manner, it being intended that the activities of this corporation be limited exclusively to religious, charitable, scientific, literary, and educational purposes.

(c) To carry out these purposes this corporation shall borrow money; accept gifts and contributions; enter into contracts; buy, sell, mortgage and otherwise hold and transfer real estate and personal property; and to engage, without gain or profit to any member of the corporation, in any transactions and in the exercise of any and all powers conferred upon similar corporations by the laws of the State of Michigan, and which may be necessary, suitable, and proper to effectuate the objects and purposes of this corporation.

(d) The corporation is not organized for pecuniary profit nor shall it have any power to issue certificates of stock or declare dividends, and no part of its net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any member, director or individual. The balance, if any, of all money received by the corporation from its operations, after the payment in full of all debts and obligations of the corporation of whatsoever kind and nature, shall be issued and distributed exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, and educational purposes.

(e) In the event of the dissolution of this corporation, all of the assets, if any, remaining after discharge of all lawful debts and obligations of the corporation, be they real, personal or mixed, shall be gifted to one or more legally constituted charitable institution or institutions whose purpose is to alleviate human suffering. If the Board of Trustees shall fail to designate the donee or donees of such gift when this corporation is dissolved, then the assets of this corporation shall revert to the State of Michigan.

ARTICLE III

The location of the first registered office is:

1547 West Grand Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan 48208

The post office address of the first registered office of the corporation is:

1549 West Grand Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan 48208

ARTICLE IV

The name of the first registered agent is Charles H. Wright, M.D.

ARTICLE V

Said corporation is organized upon a non-stock basis. The corporation is not organized and shall not be conducted for profit. The amount of assets which the corporation possesses is:

Real Estate: None Personal Property: \$500.00 cash.

Said corporation is to be financed under the following general plan:

Membership contribution,
Public contributions, and
Foundation grants

ARTICLE VI

The name and places of residence, or business, of each of the incorporators are as follows:

Charles H. Wright, M.D.	50 Westminster Avenue Detroit, Michigan 48202
James Boyce	2541 West Euclid Avenue Detroit, Michigan 48206
Janet S. Everts	236 E. LaSalle Avenue Royal Oak, Michigan
Golda G. Krolik	19434 Pinehurst Avenue Detroit, Michigan 48221
Audrey Smedley	17583 Northlawn Detroit, Michigan 48221
James M. Babcock	5201 Woodward Avenue Detroit, Michigan 48202
Dewitt Sullivan	1852 W. Grand Boulevard Detroit, Michigan 48208

ARTICLE VII

The corporation shall have seven (7) directors which number may be increased as provided for in the By-laws. The directors shall be elected in the manner specified in the By-laws and shall act as such until their successors are duly chosen and qualified. The names and addresses of the first board of directors are as follows:

Charles H. Wright, M.D.	50 Westminster Avenue Detroit, Michigan 48202
James Boyce	2541 West Euclid Avenue Detroit, Michigan 48206
Janet S. Everts	236 E. LaSalle Avenue Royal Oak, Michigan
Golda G. Krolik	19434 Pinehurst Avenue Detroit, Michigan 48221

Audrey Smedley
James M. Babcock
Dewitt Sullivan

17583 Northlawn
Detroit, Michigan 48221
5201 Woodward Avenue
Detroit, Michigan 48202
1852 W. Grand Boulevard
Detroit, Michigan 48208

ARTICLE VIII

The term of the corporate existence is perpetual

We, the incorporators, sign our names this 1st day of February,
1966.

Charles H. Wright, M.D.
Charles H. Wright, M.D.

James Boyce
James Boyce

Janet S. Everts
Janet S. Everts

Golda G. Krolik
Golda G. Krolik

Audrey Smedley
Audrey Smedley

James M. Babcock
James M. Babcock

Dewitt Sullivan
Dewitt Sullivan

State of Michigan)) ss
County of Wayne)

On this 1st day of February, 1966, before me personally appeared Charles H. Wright, M.D., James Boyce, Janet S. Everts, Golda G. Krolik, Audrey Smedley, James M. Babcock, and Dewitt Sullivan to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that they executed the same as their free act and deed.

William T. Patrick, Jr.
William T. Patrick, Jr.

Notary Public for Wayne County, State of Michigan.

My commission expires October 12, 1969.

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FEB 10 1966
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

RECEIVED
FEB 16 1966
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

FEB 21 1966

FILED

Richard L. ...

MICHIGAN DEPT. OF COMMERCE

MICHIGAN DEPT. OF COMMERCE

FEB 21 1966

Richard L. ...

(For Use by Domestic Corporations)
(Non-Profit Corporations)
**CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT TO THE
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF**

International Afro-American Museum, Inc.
(Name of Corporation)

The undersigned corporation executes the following Certificate of Amendment to its Articles of Incorporation pursuant to the provisions of Section 601, Act 298, Public Acts of 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025.

1. The name of the corporation is International Afro-American Museum, Inc.

The location of the registered office is
1549 W. Grand Boulevard Detroit Michigan 48208
(No. and Street) (Town or City) (Zip Code)

2. The following amendment to the Articles of Incorporation was adopted by the members of the corporation in accordance with Subsection (2) of Section 603, Act 200, Public Acts of 1931, as amended, on the 4th day of October, 1974.

Resolved, that Article X of the Articles of Incorporation be amended to read as follows: (Any article being amended is required to be set forth in its entirety.)

The name of the corporation is Afro American Museum of Detroit, Inc.

3. The necessary number of members as required by statute voted in favor of the amendment.

Dated this 4th day of October, 1974.

International Afro-American Museum, Inc.
(Corporate Name)
by Charles H. Wright Ch. Bd. Trustees
(Signature)
Charles H. Wright, M.D., Board of Trustees
(Type or Print Name and Title)

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - CORPORATION AND SECURITIES BUREAU

<p>Date Received</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>RECEIVED</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
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INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

Certificate of Amendment - Domestic Corporations

1. This form may be used by both profit and non-profit corporations. In case of a non-profit corporation organized on a non-stock basis, "shareholders" shall be construed to be synonymous with "members".
2. An effective date, not later than 90 days subsequent to the date of filing may be stated in the Certificate of Amendment.
3. The Certificate of Amendment is required to be signed in ink by the chairman or vice-chairman of the board of directors or the president or a vice-president of the corporation.
4. One original copy is required. A true copy will be prepared by the Corporation and Securities Bureau and returned to the person submitting the Certificate of Amendment for filing.
5. FEES: Filing Fee \$10.00
 Franchise Fee (payable only in case of increase in authorized capital stock) - 1/2 mill on each dollar of increase over highest previous authorized capital stock
 (Make fee payable to State of Michigan)

6. Mail form and fee to:
 Michigan Department of Commerce
 Corporation and Securities Bureau
 Corporation Division
 P. O. Drawer C
 Lansing, Michigan 48904

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - CORPORATION AND SECURITIES BUREAU	
<p>FILED</p> <p>MAY 23 1984</p> <p>Administrator MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Corporation & Securities Bureau</p>	Date Received MAR 26 1984
	MAY 7 1984

CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
For use by Domestic Corporations

(Please read instructions on last page before completing form)

Pursuant to the provisions of Act 284, Public Acts of 1972, as amended (profit corporations), or Act 162, Public Acts of 1982 (nonprofit corporations), the undersigned corporation executes the following Certificate:

1. The name of the corporation is: Afro American Museum of Detroit, Inc.
~~Museum of African American History~~

2. The corporation identification number (CID) assigned by the Bureau is: 7 7 5 - 0 3 1

3. The location of its registered office is:
1553 West Grand Blvd. Detroit, Michigan 48208
(Street Address) (City) (Zip Code)

4. Article I: Title _____ of the Articles of Incorporation is hereby amended to read as follows:

The name of this organization shall be the Museum of African American History, Inc.

5 The foregoing amendment to the Articles of Incorporation was duly adopted on the

8th day of December
in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

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This Amendment (Complete and execute either a or b below, but not both)

a. was duly adopted by the unanimous consent of the incorporator(s) before the first meeting of the board of directors or trustees.

Signed this 8th day of March

19 84

Charles H. Wright, M.D.
Charles H. Wright, M.D.

Robert F. Shannon
Robert F. Shannon

Donald S. Vest
Donald S. Vest

Phyllis Robinson, Ph.D.
Phyllis Robinson, Ph.D.

Leonard Douglas
Leonard Douglas, Ph.D.

Verona Morton, Ph.D.
Verona Morton, Ph.D.

(Signatures of all incorporators; type or print name under each signature)

b. (Check one of the following)

was duly adopted by the shareholders or members, or by the directors if it is a nonprofit corporation organized on a nonstock directorship basis, in accordance with Section 611(2) of the Act. The necessary votes were cast in favor of the amendment.

was duly adopted by written consent of the shareholders or members having not less than the minimum number of votes required by statute in accordance with Section 407 (1) and (2) of the Act. Written notice to shareholders or members who have not consented in writing has been given. (Note: Written consent by less than all of the shareholders or members is permitted only if such provision appears in the Articles of Incorporation.)

was duly adopted by written consent of all the shareholders or members entitled to vote in accordance with Section 407 (3) of the Act.

Signed this 3 day of May

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By Charles H. Wright, M.D.
(Signature)

Charles H. Wright, M.D., Chairman of the Board
(Type or Print Name and Title)

DOCUMENT WILL BE RETURNED TO NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS INDICATED IN THE BOX BELOW. Include name, street and number (or P.O. box), city, state and ZIP code.

Museum of African American History
1553 West Grand Blvd.
Detroit, Michigan 48208

Telephone:
Area Code 313
Number 899-2500

INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

1. Submit one original copy of this document. Upon filing, a microfilm copy will be prepared for the records of the Corporation and Securities Bureau. The original copy will be returned to the address appearing in the box above as evidence of filing.

Since this document must be microfilmed, it is important that the filing be legible. Documents with poor black and white contrast, or otherwise illegible, will be rejected.
2. This document is to be used pursuant to the provisions of section 631 of the Act for the purpose of amending the articles of incorporation of a domestic corporation.
3. Item 2 - Enter the identification number previously assigned by the Bureau. If this number is unknown, leave it blank.
4. Item 4 - The entire article being amended must be set forth in its entirety. However, if the article being amended is divided into separately identified sections, only the sections being amended need be included.
5. This document is effective on the date approved and filed by the Bureau. A later effective date, no more than 90 days after the date of delivery, may be stated.
6. If the amendment is adopted before the first meeting of the board of directors, item 5(a) must be completed and signed in ink by all of the incorporators. If the amendment is otherwise adopted, item 5(b) must be completed and signed in ink by the president, vice-president, chairperson, or vice-chairperson of the corporation.
7. FEES: Filing fee (Make remittance payable to State of Michigan) \$10.00

Franchise fee for profit corporations (payable only if authorized capital stock has increased) - 1/2 mill (.0005) on each dollar of increase over highest previous authorized capital stock.

8. Mail form and fee to:

Michigan Department of Commerce
Corporation and Securities Bureau
Corporation Division
P.O. Box 30054
Lansing, Michigan 48909
Telephone: (517) 373 0493

Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services

Filing Endorsement

This is to Certify that the **CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME**

for

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY, INC.

ID NUMBER: 775031

to transact business under the assumed name of

CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

received by facsimile transmission on **July 17, 1998** is hereby endorsed

Filed on July 20, 1998 by the Administrator.

Expiration Date: December 31, 2003.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the Department, in the City of Lansing, this 20th day of July, 1998.



Julie Croll

, Director

Corporation, Securities and Land Development Bureau

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND INDUSTRY SERVICES
CORPORATION, SECURITIES AND LAND DEVELOPMENT BUREAU

Date Received

(FOR BUREAU USE ONLY)

Name

J. Taylor Teasdale, Lewis & Munday, P.C.

Address

1300 First National Building, 660 Woodward Ave.

City

Detroit,

State

Michigan

Zip Code

48226

EXPIRATION DATE: DECEMBER 31, 200

Document will be returned to the name and address you enter above

CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME

For use by Corporations, Limited Partnerships and Limited Liability Companies

(Please read information and instructions on reverse side)

Pursuant to the provisions of Act 284, Public Acts of 1972 (profit corporations), Act 162, Public Acts of 1982 (nonprofit corporations), Act 219, Public Acts of 1982 (limited partnerships), or Act 23, Public Acts of 1963 (limited liability companies), the corporation, limited partnership, or limited liability company in item one executes the following Certificate:

1. The name of the corporation, limited partnership, or limited liability company is:

Museum of African American History, Inc.

2. The identification number assigned by the Bureau is:

775-031

3. The location of the corporation or limited liability company registered office in Michigan or the office at which the limited partnership records are maintained is:

301 Frederick Douglass Detroit, Michigan 48202

(Street Address)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

4. The assumed name under which business is to be transacted is:

Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History

COMPLETE ITEM 6 ON LAST PAGE IF THIS NAME IS ASSUMED BY MORE THAN ONE ENTITY.

Signed this 17th day of July, 1998

By Ernest Duroan

(Signature)

Ernest Duroan

Vice President

(Type or Print Name)

(Title or Full Title)

(Limited Partnerships Only - include Name of General Partner if a corporation or other entity)

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & ECONOMIC GROWTH BUREAU OF COMMERCIAL SERVICES, CORPORATION DIVISION	
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CERTIFICATE OF RENEWAL OF ASSUMED NAME

For use by Corporations

(Please read information and instructions on reverse side)

Pursuant to the provisions of Act 284, Public Acts of 1972 (profit corporations) or Act 162, Public Acts of 1982 (nonprofit corporations), the corporation in Item one executes the following Certificate:

1. The corporate name, resident agent, and mailing address of the registered office are:

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY, INC.
 MS CHRISTY COLEMAN
 315 E WARREN
 DETROIT MI 48201

775031

Identification Number


2. The assumed name under which business is transacted is:

CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

3. The registration of the assumed name is extended for a period expiring on December 31 of the fifth full calendar year following the year in which this renewal is filed, unless sooner terminated.

4. The document is hereby signed as required by the Act.

Signed this 22nd day of September 2005.

By 
(Signature of an Authorized Officer or Agent)

Christy S. Coleman, President & CEO
(Type or Print Name)





JENNIFER M. GRANHOLM
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & ECONOMIC GROWTH
LANSING

DAVID C. HOLLISTER
DIRECTOR

MS CHRISTY COLEMAN
315 E WARREN
DETROIT MI 48201

August 15, 2005

Re: CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

Dear Sir:

It recently came to our attention that there was an administrative error at the time the corporation's assumed name was due to expire on December 31, 2003 . As a result of the error, you did not receive notice of the impending expiration of the Certificate of Assumed Name and an opportunity to renew the assumed name for a subsequent 5 years.

To correct this error, we have extended the expiration date of the assumed name to December 31, 2005. If you wish to continue to use the assumed name, please complete the enclosed Certificate of Renewal of Assumed Name and return with the required fee before December 31, 2005. If in the interim a new Certificate of Assumed Name for this assumed name has already been filed, no action is required.

We regret the error and have taken the appropriate steps to prevent the error from recurring. Please contact Linda Garrison at (517) 241-3838 if you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

G. Ann Baker, Director
Corporation Division

BCS/CD 542

BUREAU OF COMMERCIAL SERVICES
CORPORATION DIVISION, P.O. BOX 30054, LANSING, MICHIGAN 48909-7554
www.michigan.gov

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CERTIFICATE OF RENEWAL OF ASSUMED NAME

For use by Corporations

(Please read information and instructions on reverse side)

775031

Identification Number

Pursuant to the provisions of Act 284, Public Acts of 1972 (profit corporations) or Act 162, Public Acts of 1982 (nonprofit corporations), the corporation in Item one executes the following Certificate:

<p>1. The corporate name, resident agent, and mailing address of the registered office are:</p> <p>MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY, INC.</p> <p>JUANITA MOORE 315 E. WARREN AVENUE DETROIT MI 48201</p>
<p>2. The assumed name under which business is transacted is:</p> <p>CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY</p>
<p>3. The registration of the assumed name is extended for a period expiring on December 31 of the fifth full calendar year following the year in which this renewal is filed, unless sooner terminated.</p>
<p>4. The document is hereby signed as required by the Act.</p>

Signed this 29TH day of September, 2010

By 
 (Signature of an Authorized Officer or Agent)

JB

Juanita Moore
 (Type or Print Name)

CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
(A Component Unit of the City of Detroit, Michigan)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(With Required Supplementary Information)


June 30, 2015 and 2014



MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED) (CONTINUED)

June 30, 2015 and 2014

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

 This annual report contains two types of financial statements that the Museum is required to issue by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB"). The GASB issues accounting and financial reporting guidelines for governmental agencies and units. This annual report contains the financial statements that the Museum is required to issue. The Museum's financial reports are shown as a "component unit" in the financial statements of the City of Detroit (the "City") because the members of the Museum's Board of Trustees are appointed by the City's mayor and the City provides financial support to the Museum. Therefore, the Museum is considered a governmental unit.

The statements of net position and statements of activities (which are presented on pages 12 and 13) are considered government-wide financial statements. The balance sheets and statements of revenue, expenditures, and fund balances for governmental funds (which are presented on pages 14, 15, 17, and 18) are considered fund financial statements. A further discussion of each type of statement, and the major differences between the two types of statements, follows.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements report information about the Museum as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies and non-profit organizations. The statements of net position include all of the Museum's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources. All of the current year's revenue and expenses are accounted for in the statements of activities, regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The two government-wide financial statements report the Museum's net position and how they have changed. Net position represents the difference between the Museum's total of assets and deferred outflows of resources and its total of liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, and it represents one way to measure the Museum's financial health, or position. Over time, increases or decreases in the Museum's net position are an indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the Museum's funds, not the Museum as a whole. Funds are accounting devices that the Museum uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending for particular purposes.