

Seattle City Council



Sam Smith
President of the City Council
625-2455

October 13, 1986

George E. Benson
Chair
Transportation Committee
625-2441

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Councilmembers

FROM: Norman B. Rice

SUBJECT: Afro American Heritage Museum

Virginia Galle
Chair
Environmental Management
Committee
625-2445

Paul Kraabel
Chair
Urban Redevelopment
Committee
625-2447

Jane Noland
Chair
Housing and Human
Services Committee
625-2443

Norman B. Rice
Chair
Energy Committee and
Public Safety Committee
625-2436

Dolores Sibonga
Chair
Finance and Personnel
Committee
625-2451

Jim Street
Chair
Land Use Committee
625-2438

Jeanette Williams
Chair
Parks and Public
Grounds Committee
625-2453

Attached you will find a final resolution directing the Department of Community Development to hire a consultant to define alternatives for the development of an African - American Heritage Museum and make recommendations regarding such development.

I have elected to retain the African-American Heritage Museum thrust for the following reasons:

1. Over 4,000 Central Area residents have petitioned the City for such a purpose;
2. The combining of a total ethnic museum concept eliminates the ability for the individual museums to retain their identity;
3. The elements which will be defined will facilitate and offer realistic guidance in site selection;
4. The study will conclude without a further commitment from the City;
5. The funds are Community Development Block Grant funds and have been halved to \$25,000.

If you have any additional questions, please see me.

NBR:mkv
Attachment