

# 2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site Advisory Commission

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<b>1. Department or Agency</b>	<b>2. Fiscal Year</b>
Department of the Interior	2024
<b>3. Committee or Subcommittee</b>	<b>3b. GSA Committee No.</b>
Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site Advisory Commission	243

<b>4. Is this New Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>5. Current Charter</b>	<b>6. Expected Renewal Date</b>	<b>7. Expected Term Date</b>
No	05/12/2015		

<b>8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>8b. Specific Termination Authority</b>	<b>8c. Actual Term Date</b>
No		

<b>9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year</b>	<b>10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?</b>	<b>10b. Legislation Pending?</b>
Continue	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

**11. Establishment Authority** Statutory (Congress Created)

<b>12. Specific Establishment Authority</b>	<b>13. Effective Date</b>	<b>14. Committee Type</b>	<b>14c. Presidential?</b>
Sec. 4, Public Law 102-211	12/11/1991	Continuing	No

**15. Description of Committee** Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

**16a. Total Number of Reports** No Reports for this Fiscal Year

**17a. Open** 0 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 0

**Meetings and Dates**

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.00	0.00

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The Commission did not meet in FY 2023.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

As prescribed by the enabling legislation, the Commission is composed of members who were appointed from recommendations submitted by the National Council of Negro Women, Inc., and other national organizations in which Mary McLeod Bethune played a leadership role. Members have also been appointed to provide

professional expertise in the history of African American women and historic preservation.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

The Commission did not meet in FY 2023. The Commission plans to meet in FY 2024.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

The Commission was established by Congress to advise the Secretary of the Interior in the development of the now-completed General Management Plan for the Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site. The Commission is also authorized to meet and consult on matters relating to the management and development of the historic site. Additionally, the Commission is comprised of a number of the country's foremost experts in women's history, along with experts in marketing and educational program development. The NPS has worked hard to get this Commission up and running because it is key to improving the relationship between the NPS and the community that was strained after the site's archives were moved off-site to protect them without proper notice to the community. One of the key roles the NPS has asked the Commission to play is to help develop the park's planning document portfolio. Additionally, the Park is committed to increasing engagement with MAMC stakeholders and to furthering the legacy of Mrs. Bethune through new and updated programming and site improvements. The Commission serves as 1) a bridge between the NPS and the many stakeholders and community members who may be willing to contribute the success of the site and 2) subject matter experts who will advise the park as it develops its

interpretation and community engagement strategy and programming.

## **20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

All meetings are open to the public..

## **21. Remarks**

No Recommendations were made in FY 2023 as the Commission did not meet.

## **Designated Federal Officer**

Tara Morrison Superintendent, National Capital

Parks - East

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Member Designation</b>
Adams, Jamiah	09/14/2016	03/15/2027	General Public	Representative Member
Clark-Lewis, Elizabeth	03/28/2023	03/28/2027	Professor, Howard University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Daley, Thelma	09/28/2023	09/28/2027	Counselor-Educator	Representative Member
Dunn, Barbara	03/15/2023	03/15/2027	Association for the Study of African American Life and History	Representative Member
Flemming-Hunter, Sheila	03/15/2023	03/15/2027	Founder and President, The Black Rose Foundation for Children, Inc.	Representative Member
Gardner, Bettye	03/15/2023	03/15/2027	Emerita Professor of History, Coppin State University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hobson, Maurice	03/15/2023	03/15/2027	Historic Preservation	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Huyck, Heather	09/14/2016	03/15/2027	President, National Collaborative for Women's History Sites	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Jones, Ida	09/14/2016	03/15/2027	Morgan State University, Archivist	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Lawson, Heather	03/15/2023	03/15/2027	Civil Rights Attorney, Department of Health and Human Services	Representative Member
Mathis, Janice	03/15/2023	03/15/2027	Executive Director, National Council of Negro Women, Inc.	Representative Member
Matthews, Lopez	03/15/2023	03/15/2027	Archival Management	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Phillips, Kenvi	09/14/2016	03/15/2027	Moorland-Spingarn Research Center, Howard University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Taylor, Alotta	03/15/2023	03/15/2027	Director of Mission Support and Communications at the National Aeronautics Space Administration	Representative Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 14**

### **Narrative Description**

The Commission advises the Secretary of the Interior on the development of the General Management Plan for, and the broader management of, the Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site. The General Management Plan for the Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site has been completed. The Commission currently serves as 1) a bridge between the NPS and the many stakeholders and community members who may be willing to contribute the success of the site and 2) subject matter experts who will advise the park as it develops its interpretation and community engagement strategy and programming.

**What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?**

Checked if  
Applies

Improvements to health or safety

☐

Trust in government

☒

Major policy changes

☐

Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Outcome Comments

NA

### What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Cost Savings Comments

NA

### What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

4

### Number of Recommendations Comments

No meetings held in FY 2023; the Commission plans to meet in FY 2024.

### What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

100%

### % of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The Commission recommended the creation of four subcommittees so that substantial progress can be made between full Commission meetings.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

0%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

All Commission recommendations were implemented.

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☒

**Agency Feedback Comments**

National Park Service officials will provide oral or written briefings or status reports during meetings of the Commission.

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Action Comments**

NA

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

**Grant Review Comments**

NA

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Access Comments**

N/A