

THE
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HERITAGE & CULTURAL CENTER
OF NEW BERN

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Mr. Foster Hughes, CPRE, Director of Parks & Recreation
City of New Bern – Parks & Recreation Department
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Dear Foster:

2019 was an amazing year.

For the City of New Bern, it was a year of rebuilding and visioning public spaces for the future. And, for the African American Heritage and Cultural Center, it was a year to formalize our efforts, become a 501C3 North Carolina nonprofit, and launch our mission through community events.

AAHCC leadership began meeting at 408 Hancock Street at the end of 2018 and continued into 2019. From the moment AAHCC began its collaborations with the City of New Bern, you were there. You, your colleagues and staff coordinated AAHCC's use of the building for leadership meetings – tables, chairs, and well-maintained workable space and rest rooms.

Within the early months of 2019 the leadership of AAHCC began planning our public launch at 408. You were available for our presentation to the City Council, and you were with us planning the logistics of JUNE 19 2019, JUNETEETH. The event was a great success for New Bern and AAHCC.

AAHCC continued to meet at 408 Hancock through to the end 2019. You, James, Nancy and colleagues assured that all the way through 2019 we felt safe and well-supported ... success!

We enter 2020 with a plan to move to other locations around New Bern for our meetings. And so, at this time, we become another organization which may occasionally be in touch when planning events and seeking space in New Bern. But our start at 408 was so important and your support made the difference.

Thank you. We would like you to consider us a resource when working with community organizations. Please be in touch – we're here to help. And, our best wishes for success with plans for 2020 throughout New Bern.



Carrie Gallagher
Nonprofit Consultant and AAHCC Executive Director

Copy to Mark Stephens, New Bern City Manager and New Bern Mayor Dana Outlaw

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