



June 28, 2017

The Barrett- Peake Foundation
PO Box 1892
Hampton, VA 23669

To Whom it May Concern:

On behalf of the Downtown Hampton Development Partnership (DHDP), I am writing in support of The Barrett-Peake Foundation's application for the matching grant program for the renovations to the property at 123 E. Pembroke Avenue.

The mission of the Downtown Hampton Development Partnership is to improve the economic health and quality of life in Downtown by maximizing private, public and educational resources to create the best possible environment to live, work, shop, visit and do business. DHDP is committed to enhancing the physical beauty, commercial vitality and distinguished character of Downtown. Having attractive neighboring properties will continue to aid in attracting residents, which in turn help attract additional business opportunities to the downtown.

The Downtown Hampton Development Partnership looks forward to partnering with The Barrett-Peake Foundation on this project should they receive a grant to complete this plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Cerracchio", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Jimmy Cerracchio,
Executive Director
Downtown Hampton Development Partnership
Hampton, Virginia



Weyanoke Association

P.O Box 121 Charles City, VA 23030 www.weyanoke.org 804-878-3167

June 20, 2017

Dr. Mary T. Christian
P.O. Box 1892
Hampton, Virginia 23669

Dear Dr. Christian:

The Weyanoke Association applauds the efforts of the Barrett-Peake Foundation to restore the former State Headquarters of the Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs, as well as all its other activities to preserve and share the local history of the Hampton area. We look forward to supporting the Foundation in any way we can.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Anita Harrell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Anita Harrell
President



P.O. Box 9314, Hampton, Virginia 23670-0314

Major(Ret.) Ronald v. Davis - President
Aberdeen Gardens Historic & Civic Association
P.O. Box 9314
Hampton, Virginia 23666

June 19, 2017

Heritage Commemoration Council
Barrett-Peake Foundation
P.O. Box 1892
Hampton, VA 23669
757 - 723-2673

Dear "Dr. C.",

Absolutely! The Aberdeen Gardens Historic & Civic Association will proudly stand in partnership with you and the exemplary Barrett-Peake Foundation. We in Aberdeen, support you and your foundation and look forward to partnering and working with you on initiatives and endeavors.

Your friend and supporter!

Ronald "Ron" Davis
President
Aberdeen Gardens Historic and Civic Association

*National Neighborhood of the Year 2002, neighborhood USA
Aberdeen Gardens in National Register of Historic Places/Virginia Landmarks Register*





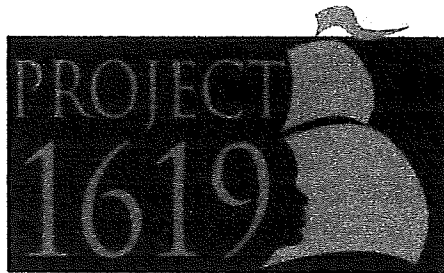
To Whom It May Concern:

The Y. H. Thomas Community Center and its Board of Directors are pleased to support the Barrett-Peake foundation in its efforts to establish the Barret-Peake Educational and Cultural Arts Center. The Y. H. Thomas Community Center is named after former educator and community advocate Yarborough Henry Thomas and currently provides programs that are designed to be recreational, educational, and inspirational. To this end, we believe that the Barret-Peake Educational and Cultural Arts Center will benefit young people as an invaluable tool for education, mentorship, and hope. The Y. H. Thomas proudly partners with the Barrett-Peake foundation and its efforts to make this vision come to life.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to call me at 757-727-1200 or email me at sean.slaughter@hampton.gov.

Sincerely,

Sean Slaughter



REMEMBERING THE FIRST AFRICAN LANDING

June 21, 2017

Dr. Mary T. Christian
Barrett-Peake Foundation
PO Box 1892
Hampton, VA 23669

Dear Dr. Christian,

Project 1619 Inc. proudly supports the efforts of the Barrett-Peake Foundation and agree to work in partnership to restore and preserve historic African American sites in Hampton.

The Virginia Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, whose headquarters were in historic Hampton, was an integral part of the African American culture of the area and made an everlasting imprint on the underserved, impoverished, and the less educated people in community. During the Civil War, often putting her freedom in jeopardy, Mary Peake took that chance by educating the free black people and escaped slaves, before it became legal.

Throughout Virginia black cemeteries have become neglected as owners have passed away. We support the foundations effort to restore in many cases abandoned cemeteries where our ancestors such as Peake and Barrett and many other local notable and unsung heroes rest.

We believe that restoring the headquarters of the first Virginia State Federation of Women's Clubs is a worthy project in preserving our past heritage and developing new programs to support today's youth and those in need.

Sincerely,

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Calvin Pearson, Founder and President

Project 1619 Inc. P.O. Box 1233 Hampton, VA 23661



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Hampton Federation of Teachers

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June 29, 2017

Dr. Mary T. Christian
P.O. Box 1892
Hampton, VA 23669

Dear Dr. Christian,

As president of Hampton Federation of Teachers, I wish to express my fervent support for the mission of the Heritage Commemoration Council, Barrett-Peake Foundation. The dedication and the achievements of its namesakes, Janie Porter Barrett and Mary S. Peake, should serve as a portent for great things to come.

Few of us know that Janie Barrett developed a school to rehabilitate formerly incarcerated girls, neither do we know that Mary Peake started a school for the children of slaves. At a time when there is little knowledge of these historic women, we should make a concerted effort to keep their legacy alive.

The restoration of the former State Headquarters for the Virginia Federation of Colored Women's Clubs will serve as a place to continue and enhance the outreach into our communities that was started by these women. I am truly excited to know that the Center will provide tutoring and mentoring, among a list of other activities. Please do not hesitate to let us know whatever we can do to help bring this mission to fruition.

In Unity,

Jeon A. Ward, President
Hampton Federation of Teachers
AFT Local 4260/AFL-CIO



June 21, 2017

Dr. Mary T. Christian
Heritage Commemoration Council
Barrett-Peake Foundation
P.O. Box 1892
Hampton, VA 23669

Dear Dr. Christian,

Thank you for your letter seeking community support of the Barrett-Peake Educational and Cultural Center for youth which is to be located at 123 E. Pembroke Avenue in the City of Hampton, Virginia.

It is my understanding that the Barrett-Peake Foundation was established to restore and preserve historic African-American sites in the City of Hampton, and that the first initiative of the Foundation is the restoration of the former State Headquarters for the Virginia Federation of Colored Women's Clubs which is to become the Barrett-Peake Educational and Cultural Center. Moreover, the Barrett-Peake Educational and Cultural Center would provide a mini-museum, tutoring, mentoring and cultural experiences that will enhance diversity, illuminate history, and provide a vibrant center of learning for youth in the City of Hampton.

As the Executive Director of the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board (H-NNSB), please be advised that I fully support your efforts in seeking a grant to implement, restore and expand the Barrett-Peake Educational and Cultural Center

I am pleased to support the Barrett-Peake Foundation in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Natale Christian, MA, LPC
Executive Director

NW:gvm



City of Hampton

June 27, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Hampton Department of Social Services, it is my pleasure to submit this letter for the grant application supporting the establishment of the Barrett-Peake Educational and Cultural Center.

In my role as a Human Services Administrator I am all too aware of the insufficient opportunities for the 15,000 youth in our community who are dealing with the impact of poverty and the 95 youth who are in foster care. It is energizing to partner with others to positively impact the lives of these youth and their families.

Programs and services that focus on tutoring, mentoring and cultural experiences will help to close a critical gap in our community. They are the kinds of evidence-based programs that lead to a full complement of positive outcomes and awesome success stories.

I fully endorse implementing and expanding the Barrett-Peake Educational and Cultural Center and I look forward to the role it will play in supporting stronger families and a healthier community.

Sincerely,

Wanda E. Rogers
Director

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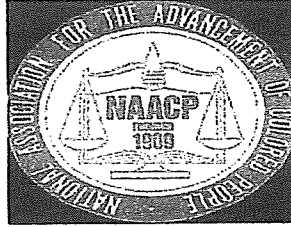
To Whom It May Concern,

As a Downtown Hampton business owner and a twenty year resident of Pasture Point, I whole heartedly support the Barrett-Peake Educational & Cultural Center. I think this is a great opportunity to honor the memories of two great Virginians and at the same time be a great resource for the residents of Pasture Point and for the citizens of the City of Hampton. Mary Peake and Janie Barrett are legends in the City of Hampton and restoring the Barrett-Peake Educational and Cultural Center would do much in honoring their contributions to all of the citizens of Hampton. I now the residents of Pasture Point would utilize the space for their monthly meeting and I am positive many other organizations would also.

Sincerely,

Carlyle H. Bland

Carlyle H. Bland
Owner,
Marker 20
Venture Kitchen & Bar



June 29, 2017

Gaylene Kanoyton, President
Hampton Branch NAACP

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This letter comes in response to your invitation to join the Barrett-Peake Foundation as a Community Partner in support of the "Federation House" renovation project. I have met with our Executive Board, and I am delighted to report unanimous support of the Hampton Branch NAACP to become a Community Partner in this endeavor. Inherent in our Mission is improving the quality of life for the Citizens of Hampton. Your projected renovation and establishment of an Education and Cultural Center certainly hold great promise for parents and youth in our Community.

Additionally, the Hampton Branch NAACP has cooperated previously with some of the Foundation's community activities. Therefore, we are pleased to become "officially" a Community Partner.

Please accept our fervent good wishes for success in this project and other endeavors in the City of Hampton.

Sincerely,

Gaylene Kanoyton, President
Hampton Branch NAACP



AMERICA'S FIRST
IN FREE EDUCATION

School Board of the City of Hampton

March 15, 2017

To The Barrett-Peake Foundation

Dear Dr. Fairfax:

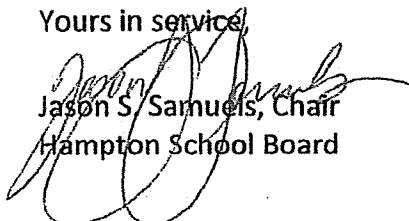
It is with great pleasure and excitement that I offer my support of the Barrett-Peake Foundation that is named in honor of two historic women in Virginia's history, Janie Porter Barrett and Mary Peake.

The Barrett-Peake Foundation serves to restore and preserve historic African-American sites in Hampton, Virginia, by engaging in important activities such as; upgrading and securing signage for historic cemeteries, and developing new educational and cultural initiatives at the former Virginia School for Deaf, Blind and Multi-Disabled.

I am familiar with the Foundation's developments and initiatives, and the hard work being done to ensure that the legacies of historic African-American sites are preserved. I further believe that these projects will benefit our community tremendously by allowing children and families the opportunity to explore, learn and experience the rich history of Hampton.

Thank you for allowing me to offer my support and please don't hesitate to contact me if you need additional information or support.

Yours in service,


Jason S. Samuels, Chair
Hampton School Board

June 15, 2017

Mr. Jonathan McBride, Manager
Hampton Housing and Neighborhood Services Division
22 Lincoln Street
Hampton, VA 23669

RE: Neighborhood Improvement Grant

Dear Mr. McBride:

I am pleased to support the Barrett-Peake Foundation in their efforts to secure a Neighborhood Improvement Fund grant. Prior to my resignation as the District 8 Neighborhood Commissioner I had spoken with Ms. Sandra Timmons, Secretary-Treasurer of the organization, who gave me an overview of the Project. The house located at 123 E. Pembroke Avenue, Hampton, Virginia, known as the Federation House, is an ideal project for renovation. It would inform and encourage the community at large, but in particular, the Pasture Point community about the legacy of Janie Porter Barrett and Mary Peake. Additionally, once the restoration is completed, it would house a mini-museum and a meeting space for small community gatherings. In response to my recommendation to Ms. Timmons, it is my understanding that the Barrett-Peake Foundation will not only house activities for our youth, but also activities for senior citizens.

The perimeter of the Federation House as with many other cultural and historic sites in downtown Hampton, would be an asset for the City. Since Hampton will commemorate the arrival of the first Africans to Point Comfort in 1619, the Federation House will encourage tourism and expand educational and cultural opportunities to the citizens and public.

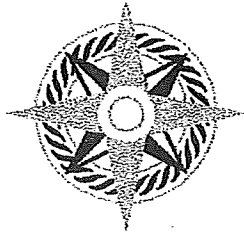
I appreciate your consideration of this Neighborhood Improvement Grant request for the Barrett-Peake Foundation. You may contact me at (910) 850-0776 if further information is required.

Sincerely,



EVELYN STEPHENSON
District 8 Neighborhood Commissioner

Cc: Barrett-Peake Foundation



**HAMPTON
HISTORY
MUSEUM**
MAKE HISTORY WITH US

Dr. Mary T. Christian
Barrett-Peake Foundation
P.O. Box 1892
Hampton, Virginia 23669

June 20, 2017

Dear Dr. Christian,

It is my pleasure to write a letter supporting the Barrett-Peake Foundation and its commitment to restore and preserve Historic African American sites in the city of Hampton.

The Hampton History Museum is committed to supporting this effort and shares this mission. We will provide support to the Foundation, whenever possible, for their programmatic and preservation efforts. Because the Hampton History Museum's mission is to educate the public about the history of Hampton, Virginia, preservation and education are incorporated into our goals. Therefore, I am writing to express my strong support for the Foundation in fulfilling its mission. I commend the efforts and vision of you and your team.

Sincerely,

Luci Cochran
Executive Director,
Hampton History Museum



June 20, 2017

Heritage Commemoration Council
Barrett-Peake Foundation
P.O. Box 1892
Hampton, Virginia 23669

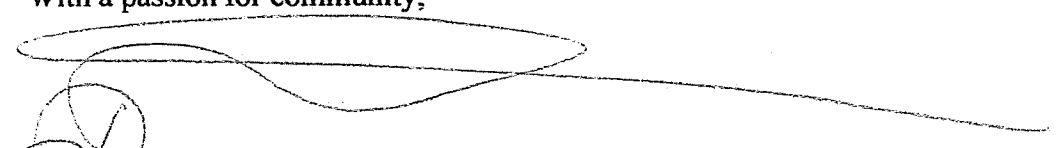
To whom it may concern:

This letter is to affirm the wonderful work of the Barrett-Peake Foundation under the dynamic leadership of Dr. Mary T. Christian and Dr. Colita N. Fairfax. The First Baptist Church of Hampton is proud of these two dynamic servant-leaders and the social causes to which they passionately endorse and implement.

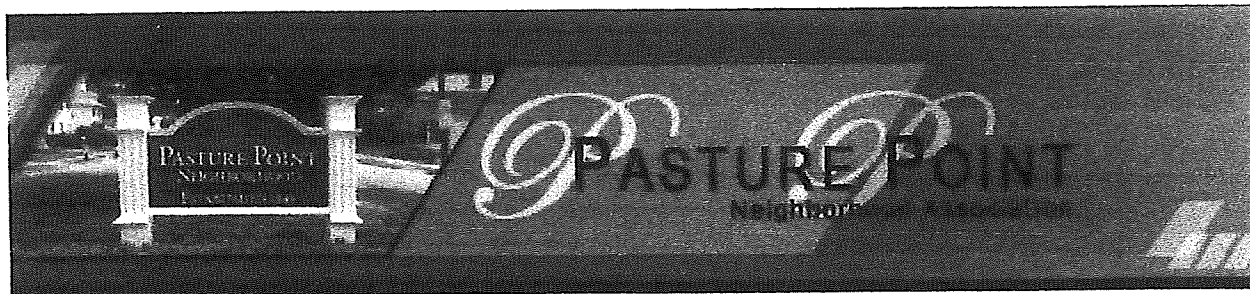
The First Baptist Church of Hampton therefore issues this letter of support for the restoration of the former State Headquarters for the Virginia Federation of Colored Women's Clubs to become the Barrett-Peake Educational and Cultural Center. This center will serve as a museum and provide tutoring, mentoring and multifarious cultural experiences for our community and beyond.

Our prayers, thoughts and support are with the Foundation as they embark upon this vibrant center for learning for youth in the City of Hampton. Please feel free to contact me at 757-723-0988 should you need further information.

With a passion for community,



Reverend Dr. Joan S. Parrott
Interim Pastor



June 27, 2017

The City of Hampton
22 Lincoln St.
Hampton, VA 23669

In Re:
Barrett Peake Foundation
123 E Pembroke Ave.
Hampton, VA 23669

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Pasture Point Neighborhood Association, I am writing in support of the application for a grant for the Barrett/Peake Museum at 123 E Pembroke Avenue.

The Pasture Point Neighborhood Association is excited that the historic building will be renovated. Not only will it enhance the atmosphere in the neighborhood but it will also provide an educational value to the City and those who visit.

Should the City of Hampton approve the grant, the Pasture Point Neighborhood Association is willing to continue supporting the Foundations endeavor for the renovation.

Sincerely,

Warren Coleman, President
Pasture Point Neighborhood Association
Hampton, Virginia



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Office of the Governor

Molly Joseph Ward
Secretary of Natural Resources

April 3, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Commonwealth of Virginia, I am writing to convey my strong support for a grant request submitted by the Barrett-Peake Foundation in Hampton. If provided, funding would assist their efforts to rehabilitate the Federation House, a local landmark located at 123 E. Pembroke Avenue.

The mission of the Barrett-Peake Foundation is to restore and preserve historic African American sites in Hampton. The Federation House, which served as the state headquarters for the Virginia Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, is among the Foundation's highest priorities. I am familiar with, as well as impressed by, the determination and commitment shown by the Foundation's leaders, Dr. Mary Christian and Dr. Colita Fairfax. With their vision and leadership, the role and purpose of the Federation House could be expanded to serve the nearby Pasture Point community as a multipurpose gathering place for a variety of events and programs.

Federation House is historically significant as the 1960's headquarters of the Virginia State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, a group founded by Janie Porter Barrett in 1908. Barrett, a graduate of Hampton Institute, was a social activist who worked to better the lives of women and children. She was also founder of Locust Street Social Settlement and the Virginia Industrial School for Wayward Colored Girls in Hanover County. Her incredible legacy lives on at Federation House and is embodied in the work of the Barrett-Peake Foundation.

I hope that you will look favorably upon the Barrett-Peake Foundation's grant request so that they can move forward in realizing their vision of a community center at Federation House. If selected, this project would provide considerable benefit to Hampton while honoring the contributions of visionary women of color.

Sincerely,

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Molly Joseph Ward