

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor England
Vice Mayor Kostka
Commissioner George
Commissioner Samora
Commissioner Rumrell

FROM: Max Royle, City Manager 

DATE: September 3, 2020

SUBJECT: Civil Rights Monument Adjacent to Former City Hall: Consideration of How to Highlight It

The monument is located west of the former city hall and south of the bocce courts. It is titled "St. Augustine Beach Wade-Ins" and consists of a plaque with a three-paragraph description and two photos of black citizens attempting to integrate the "whites only beach" in front of the former city hall in the summer of 1964. The monument is Stop #502 on the Accord Freedom Trail, which commemorates physical locations in the St. Augustine area where significant actions happened during the civil rights struggle. Attached is a page from the Freedom Trail website. The monument in our City was erected on July 2, 2009, and paid for by Northrup Grumman.

Commissioner George has asked that you discuss how this monument can be highlighted.

We do need to point out that the monument's metal post and base have been corroded by salt air and need to be replaced.

Welcome to the ACCORD Freedom Trail Website



The ACCORD Civil Rights Museum located at 79 Bridge Street opened its doors on July 2, 2014, on the 50th Anniversary of the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964. The location was the former dental office of Dr. Robert B. Hayling, leader of the local St. Augustine Movement and "Father of the Civil Rights Act of 1964."

Florida

As of July 2, 2014, the **ACCORD Civil Rights Museum** located at 79 Bridge Street, St. Augustine, Florida is now open. Please call or text (904) 347-1382 to schedule an appointment.

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Want to help us continue our mission of remembering, recognizing, and honoring the heroes of the Civil Rights Movement of St. Augustine? Send your tax deductible donation in any amount or ACCORD Membership in the amount of \$25 per person, per year, made payable to: ACCORD, Inc. and mail to:

ACCORD, Inc
P.O. Box 697
St Augustine, FL 32085-0697

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For more information on how you, your business or your organization can get involved send us an **EMAIL** today! We are always looking for new members, volunteers and sponsors. Please click **HERE** for ACCORD meeting dates and times. All our welcome!

MAY 2017

People gathered for a dedication of the restoration work on St. Johns County's only remaining slave cabin on Monday, May 22, 2017. The restoration project was funded by a grant from Northrop Grumman Corporation.



The Anniversary to Commemorate the Civil Rights Demonstrations, Inc. (BKA The 40th ACCORD) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization envisioned in 2002, established in 2003, and incorporated in 2004.

Our Mission is "Remembering, Recognizing, and Honoring all those who risked their lives to attain civil rights for all and celebrating St. Augustine's pivotal role in the Civil Rights Act of 1964." We are excited to introduce the 31 historic civil rights markers on the ACCORD Freedom Trail Project presented by The Northrop Grumman Corporation and one by ACCORD Member, Beth Levenbach of Lansdowne, PA.

ACCORD would like to extend our gratitude to The Northrop Grumman Corporation, Beth Levenbach, The Old Town Trolley, Photographer Shirley Williams-Collins, the St. Augustine RFCORD, Flowers By Shirley, St. Paul AME Church, American Legion Post 194, The First Baptist Church, and EWLI for their continued support!

Brochures for the Freedom Trail's self-guided tour are available at the St. Augustine Visitor Information Center in Downtown, St. Augustine.

News & Updates

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JUNE 2018

The ACCORD Newsletter for June 2018 is now available. Click [here](#) to download.

MAY 2018

The ACCORD Civil Rights Museum will host the 2018 West Point Cadets Civil Rights Staff Ride on Wed. May 30, 2018. This event is open to the public and will begin at 3PM. This is the 3rd year the cadets and staff will be visiting the museum.

JANUARY 2018

The ACCORD Civil Rights Museum will be open to the public in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, January 15, 2018. The hours are from 11am - 4pm. No appointment necessary.

MAY 2017

The dedication ceremony for the last standing slave cabin will be held May 22, 2017 at 9:00am. The slave cabin is located at 94 South Street. An additional ACCORD Freedom Trail Marker located alongside the slave cabin will be unveiled during the ceremony.

ACCORD FREEDOM TRAIL FEATURE ARTICLE IN FLORIDA STATE HOMES

You can read the article [here](#)

CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER DR. ROBERT B. HAYLING HAS PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 86



Nov. 20, 1929 - Dec. 22, 2015
Please click photo for press release

ACCORD CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM
OPEN BY APPOINTMENT
Call or text (904) 347-1382 to
schedule

JULY 2014

8th Annual ACCORD Freedom Trail Luncheon & Museum Grand Opening

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**DR. ROBERT B. HAYLING
RECEIVED FDA SPECIAL
RECOGNITION AWARD**

Dr. Robert B. Hayling D.D.S. 1st Lt. USAF Ret. and leader of the St. Augustine Civil Rights Movement received a Special Recognition Award from the Florida State Dental Association at their 2015 Convention at the Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center Kissimmee FL on June 13th at their Awards Luncheon. Many friends, family, and supporters attended this event. Click [Here](#) to view pictures. Click [HERE](#) to view FDA Video Tribute.

**TEENS WIN SCHOOL AND
COUNTY FAIR FIRST PLACE
AWARDS FOR EXHIBIT ON THE
ST. AUGUSTINE FOUR**

Two young Middle School Teens from Ormond Beach did research on the **St. Augustine Four**, a group of courageous teens arrested and sent to reform school for a "Sit In" at the St. Augustine Woolworth Lunch Counter in 1963. The teens came by the ACCORD Civil Rights Museum seeking more knowledge about the St. Augustine Civil Rights Movement. The teens felt so inspired and did an exhibit winning first place on the school and county fair levels. The teens made a return visit to take pictures of the ACCORD Civil Rights Museum and to share their good news. Their exhibit will now move on to the State Level. We wish them well.

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