

RESTON BLACK FOCUS

Steering Committee Meeting
June 1, 1974, 4:00 p.m.

Present: Carol Bradley, Beverley Sharp, Charles Smith, Laura Thomas,
Sylvia Turner, Eileen Welch.

The first meeting of the new Steering Committee was held at the home of Carol Bradley. This was an informal session with much brainstorming and ideas to get Black Focus moving again.

In order to expedite a lot of the work and to get everyone functioning on the Steering Committee, jobs or positions were discussed by the group.

The group unanimously agreed to the following organizational structure:

Chairperson - presides and acts as leader of the group - Bev Sharp

Vice-chairperson - selects time and place of meetings and assists
chairperson - Doris Gilmore

Secretary - records minutes and receives mail or notices - Carol Bradley

Treasurer - handles all monies and books relevant to the finances
of Black Focus - Charles Smith

Education Committee Chairperson - Laura Thomas

Newsletter Committee Chairperson - Sylvia Turner

Membership Committee Chairperson - Eileen Welch.

It was also determined that according to the by-laws, any additional committee chairpersons automatically become members of the Steering Committee.

Eileen Welch is in the process of composing a membership questionnaire to be sent to the entire Reston Black Community.

It was stressed that we reach out to all new black people and begin relating better to the Blacks in the Fox Mill apartments..

The festival was discussed and the fact that although it involves a lot of

work, it brings the Black Community together. Many ideas were explored as to whether we should have a festival and what and whom should be involved.

An initial planning session is scheduled for Thursday, June 6th at Bev Sharp's.

Other Black groups in Reston have been asked to send representatives.

The committee started out with much enthusiasm and wish to get all the necessary materials from the past Steering Committee.

The next meeting was scheduled for June 10, 1974, at 7:30 p.m. at Eileen Welch's home.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.