

ELECTION INFORMATION

The Election Committee wants to familiarize you with your candidates for the Board of Directors of Reston Black Focus, Inc. for 1974-75. The candidates have given their views on the directions which FOCUS should take.

CAROL BRADLEY; presently Secretary, Black Focus Board of Directors:

"I would like to see FOCUS involve all segments of the black Reston community, especially through programs provided to stimulate teenagers."

THOMAS BUTLER; worked with Black Focus Festival for the past two years:

"The time has past for black organizations concerned with socializing. It is now time for FOCUS to become a viable organization and let its voice be heard by all Virginia regarding issues affecting its black citizens."

BRENDA METZE; worked with FOCUS festivals over the past years:

"I believe that it would be desirable to extend the activities of FOCUS to include blacks living in Herndon and other surrounding areas."

PETE PETERSON; presently working with black teenagers in Fox Mill and Laurel Glade Apartments:

Mr. Peterson has stated that he would like to see FOCUS become an organization that concerned itself with all black citizens in the community, especially young people. This goal can only be accomplished by FOCUS members becoming aware and acknowledging the entire black population of Reston.

BEVERLY SHARP; presently Chairman, Board of Directors, Reston Black Focus:

"I want to continue working toward two objectives: 1) strengthening the operating committees so that Reston Black Focus can deal more effectively with the issues we continue to face as blacks in Reston and in Fairfax County; and 2) obtaining tax-exempt designation from the I.R.S. so that we can reduce the cost of mailing the newsletter from 10¢ each to less than 2¢ each, and solicit tax deductible contributions and grants. I am interested in taking care of business at both ends--strengthening our substantive program, and improving our financial posture."

CHARLES SMITH, Tresurer, Reston Black Focus, Board Member:

"I would continue working with Reston Black Focus to make it a bona fide corporation on a state level so that FOCUS will get broader recognition. I see FOCUS as an organization will will maintain the black heritage that we were essentially organized for and make both the black and white public aware of what we are working toward. I think FOCUS whould be more involved in benevolent programs, mainly in the black communities immediately surrounding Reston."

CLARESTINE SUMMEY, member Boad of Directors; presently newsletter coordinator:

"I will give time, work and cooperation to the purpose of Reston Black Focus, Inc."

ROCHELLE THOMPSON, worked with the Entertainment Committee, Reston Black Focus Festival, 1974:

"Unity and strength are two words I'd like to see put into action through Reston Black Focus. A spirit which will help to minimize divisiveness and petty jealousy can engender a strength which we must use toward pursuit of the common good of all black people. With emphasis on these words our direction can only be forward."

Eugene Wethers, Chairman, Exhibits Committee, Reston Black Focus Festival, 1974:

"FOCUS should direct itself toward more civic and community activities. Although the Black Arts Festival is traditional, enjoyable and a welcome event, FOCUS should decide what type of festival it should have in the future--if any at all."

PLEASE COME OUT TO VOTE! Elections will be held at the
DOGWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, Tuesday, November 12 at 8:00 p.m.