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The
LIVED BLACK EXPERIENCE PROJECT™



The Lived Black Experience CommUnity Coalition believes that to fulfill its mission “to protect and enhance the quality of life for all,” the City of Flagstaff must take deliberate action to address the needs and concerns of the Black community. •

The Coalition's Inception

In undertaking this strategic plan project, the LBEC Coalition engaged public participation with the following goals:

- To identify key issues of concern of the public and investigate and understand the needs and perspectives of Flagstaff community members
- To elicit the input, expertise, and knowledge of community leaders and gatekeepers
- To ensure inclusive dialog with various aspects of the Flagstaff community, actively listening to and facilitating difficult yet meaningful conversations
- To ensure that the community of impact—that is, the Flagstaff Black community—was engaged and involved throughout all phases of strategic planning and project design
- To collaboratively work with both community members and City staff and representatives to craft a plan encompassing all engaged voices and perspectives.

Strategic Goals

Community Development

To grow and strengthen an equitable, resilient, and thriving Black community through economic advancement, increased access, and the recognition/preservation of the historic and developing Black Community in Flagstaff,

Community Engagement

To partner with the community to develop, improve, and sustain relationships that guide solutions addressing social, cultural, and economic determinants of access, public consideration, education, advancement, and care.

Community Infrastructure

To intentionally partner with the Black community to develop ongoing programs of education, celebration, and economic development, with a direct focus on recognizing the need for public spaces and places directed toward such engagement.

Community Outreach

To enhance public transparency, accessibility, economic equity, and social justice within the Black community of Flagstaff in order to enable a more holistic approach to Flagstaff's long-term developmental goals that is cognizant of the potential impacts to all aspects of its community.

In Action



Representation and
Preservation



Economic Inclusion & Impact



Race, Space, & Segregation



Mental and Behavioral
Health



Youth Perspectives &
Concerns



Social & Criminal Justice

Examples

- ▷ Juneteenth and Christmas Black Business Expo
- ▷ Kitchen Table and Barbershop Talks
- ▷ CommUnity Dinners and Potlucks
- ▷ Speaking truth to power in community initiatives and coalitions, such as housing.
- ▷ Research and education efforts around local history, such as Route 66