

Good Afternoon Mr. Graham

I am trying to understand your response dated June 13, 2013 to my June 8, 2013 email. I asked for the status of the airport project pertaining to the original site of the Columbia Air Center located in Croom Maryland. Your response "I am working to get to a point where can begin working with you." That is why I asked for the status of the project to show me where they (The Society For The Preservation of Black Aviation History, Inc.) are pertaining to the project. It was my understanding that they had a "fixed period of time" to demonstrate they could do what they said they could do regarding the project. When I asked, how long would this "fixed time period" last I was told it would last a reasonable time, could be six (6) months or maybe a year or what ever time was reasonable. Now after one year and six months I am merely asking for the status of the project. In other words I am merely asking if they have satisfactorily demonstrated to "Park and Planning" or anyone else in the decision making process that they have the capability to implement their business plan regarding the airport project? Have they made any measurable progress towards building a 501(c)(3) airport?

Your email refers to "your firm." I do not have a firm. The Society for the Historic Preservation of the Columbia Air Center, Inc. is a Maryland non profit corporation recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization. The Officers of the corporation are: Wayne A. Tonkins, Sr., Dr. Judith L. Green-Tonkins, Wayne A. Tonkins, Jr. and Judith D. Tonkins.

These are some facts I respectfully ask you to consider:

1. If we (African Americans) don't preserve the factual history of the Columbia air center, the first Black owned and operated licensed airport in the United States, it will be lost forever and replaced by a watered down version produced by people who care nothing about producing an accurate African American History.
2. The site of the Columbia Air Center is located in a historic district in Prince George's County, one of, if not the wealthiest, most highly educated, predominately African American populated county in the United States of America, with predominately African Americans elected to political positions. How can such an invaluable African American historic site, located in a historic district, not be maintained, at no cost to the County, by an African American attorney with airport and environmental experience from the Federal Aviation Administration's Office of the Chief Counsel who is a life time resident of Prince George's County Maryland?
3. The County Executive, the council member in whose district the Columbia Air Center is located, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission personnel entrusted with the power to convey use of the land for a 501(c)(3) activity are all African Americans elected by the citizens of Prince George's County or appointed by elected officials.
4. Wayne A. Tonkins, Sr., Esq. is an African American born and raised in Prince George's County; attended Fairmont Heights Elementary, Fairmont Heights Jr. and Senior High School; still lives in Prince George's County (Fort Washington) with his wife and two children; a former Washington DC Metropolitan Police Officer; A United States Army Viet Nam Era Veteran (Honorably Discharged); Member of The American Legion; former Criminal Investigation Division (CID) Special Agent with the DC Army National Guard (Honorably Discharged); Retired Member, in good standing, of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania Bar; Member, in good standing, of the United States Tax Court Bar; Member, in good standing, of the District of Columbia Bar; Member, in good standing, of the Supreme Court of the United States of America Bar; former member of the National Transportation Safety Board Bar Association; former Tax Law Specialist / Project Specialist with the Internal Revenue Service; former member of the Internal Revenue Service Exempt Organizations Technical Division Instructor Cadre; formerly listed in the Internal Revenue Service Technical Code and Subject Directory as one of only two persons to contact regarding "Special Rules With Respect to 501(c)(3) Organizations; formerly attorney for the Federal Aviation Administration Office of the Chief Counsel Airports and Environmental Law Division; Member of the Garrett A. Morgan Program for approximately ten(10) years; received the President of the United States of America Volunteer Service Award from the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation (Through service to others, you demonstrate the outstanding character of America and help strengthen our country) from President George W. Bush and from President Barack Obama; Member of the "Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA); When the attorney working on the 501(c)(3) application for the "African American Heritage Preservation Group, Inc. told June White Dillard that he was in over his head and could not complete the form 1023. June White Dillard asked for my help. I finished the Form 1023 with adjustments and she received a ruling letter from the Internal Revenue Service October 5, 2010 awarding the organization exempt status. This was done pro bono. I drafted and filed, pro bono, for "Lets

Go Up To The Twenty First Century" its articles of incorporation, bylaws and IRS Form 1023. The organization was awarded tax exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code; I provided the following pro bono services for "The Society for the Preservation of Black Aviation History, Inc.": After a discussion with the principal of the organization (Mr. Melvin Cooper) who wanted to go up in his aircraft and look for some land to jointly purchase with a few other people to put in a runway and a hangar. He wanted to have a place where pilots could pay a reasonable price to have their aircraft serviced. I suggested the site in Croom because he could get the land for free as a 501(c)(3) and preserve the history of the site while helping general aviation pilots. I tried to explain the 501(c)(3) process in very general terms to him and others involved. I drafted and filed articles of incorporation and bylaws, drafted and filed IRS Form 1023 and all supporting documentation; I drafted and spoke to all concerns pertaining to all correspondence and meetings with Council Member Marilyn M. Bland, Council Member Tony Knotts, Samuel J. Parker, Jr. Chairman, Prince George's County Planning Board Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission, Frances Guertin, Planning Board Administrator, Ronnie Gathers, Director Parks & Recreation, Chris Wagnon, Facility Operations, Deputy Director, The head of the Economic Development Corporation and others. I used my professional contacts and friends to arrange; media coverage, meetings with potential contractors with global airport construction experience, and potential major corporations with the financial stature to absorb the cost of this type of project if it was properly packaged in an appropriate 501(c)(3) format. I meticulously tried to teach them about the 501(c)(3) process.

5. As I have stated many times, it does not matter to me who preserves the history of the Columbia Air Center as long as it gets done and it seems crystal clear (after more than 18 months) it is not getting done by the Society for the preservation of Black Aviation History, Inc.

6. Wayne A. Tonkins Jr is an African American born and raised in Prince George's County Maryland; BS from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Aeronautics (minor: Aviation Electronics and AOC: Aviation Maintenance); FAA Private Pilot Certificate -Single Engine Land; Air Transport Pilot (ATP) License (the highest level of aircraft pilot certificate / license); mechanic - airframe & powerplant license; Avionics Technician - Federal Communication Commission Radio License; Experience: removing inspection panels, servicing aircraft powerplants, removing and replacing aircraft interiors, servicing aircraft tires, servicing aircraft brake assemblies, repairing hydraulic jacks, assisting in aircraft performance checks, cleaning servicing hangar, taxiing aircraft into servicing hangar, cleaning aircraft, securing aircraft on the ramp and hangar, performing general operations checks, serviced the following aircraft: Cessna 150, 152, 172, 182, 206, Diamond DA-20 Katana, DA-40 Twin Star, Socata Trinidad, Mooney Bravo, Beech Bonanza, Beech Debonair, Cirrus SR-20, MD-80, Piper Arrows, Piper Archers; Perform 50 hour inspections, Perform 100 hour inspections, Perform Annual Inspections, Perform major and minor alterations and repairs.
Accomplishments: Tuskegee Airmen Youth in Aviation Program Graduate, Tuskegee Youth in Aviation Spokesperson, Aviation Career Education Camp Guest Speaker, Federal Aviation Administration Guest Speaker, Air Show participant in Department of Transportation / Federal Aviation Administration National Transportation Day in 2004, 2005 and 2006 at VKX (Potomac Airfield) hosted by DOT and the FAA, Maryland Distinguished Scholar, High School Who's Who Society, President of the Society of Aviation Technicians at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Member of the "Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association" (AOPA); Wayne Received a Proclamation from the Prince George's County Council signed by Council Member Marilyn M. Bland of the 9th District on June 15, 2010, in the County Administration Building, recognizing him for his outstanding achievements and personal commitment to the aviation field.

7. Judith D. Tonkins: Bachelor of Arts in Sociology - Cum Laude (Minor - Mandarin) from Mount Holyoke College; Who's Who Among America's High School Students; National Society of High School Scholars; National Honor Roll; Washington Metropolitan Scholar; National Honor Society; Volunteer - Fort Washington Health and Rehabilitation Center; Volunteer - DC Central Kitchen; Volunteer - President Obama's reelection campaign (Organizing for America).

8. Dr. Judith L. Green-Tonkins: Wife, mother, minority small business owner (independent contractor), resident of Prince George's County for approximately twenty-six (26) years; raised and educated (Home schooled in part) a family exclusively in Prince George's County Maryland.

I have dealt professionally with Mr. Samuel Parker and everyone involved in the airport project to date. I shall continue to do so. It is my hope to see the wealthiest African American County in the country with a majority of

African American county officials allow one of its own, extremely qualified residents, to succeed on his merits in this endeavor, to preserve, at no cost to the local or state governments, a priceless symbol of African American skill, determination, entrepreneurship and pride. As well as provide an educational, cultural and economic benefit to Prince George's County. The African American men who successfully built, with their own hands, obtained a license for the airport and started the legacy of the first African American owned and operated licensed airport in the United States of America known as the Columbia Air Center despite the best efforts of some White Americans to make them fail. They demonstrated the fortitude and conviction to persevere. Failure was not an option. They shattered the stereotype that African Americans are like crabs in a barrel who can not work together or accomplish anything worthwhile. This historic African American airport site with its unique historical significance is worth, in my humble opinion, fighting for. Too much is at stake to lose for African Americans.

I look forward to working WITH YOU in a timely manner (time is of the essence) to preserve this African American aviation treasure while providing educational, occupational and economical opportunities for all the citizens of my home, Prince George's County, Maryland regardless of race creed or color.

Respectfully

Wayne A. Tonkins, Esq.

From: "Bryan Graham" <Bryan.Graham@pgparks.com>
To: wtonkins@comcast.net
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2013 1:10:50 PM
Subject: Re: Meeting

Good Afternoon Mr. Tonkins,

I hope all is well. I have not forgotten about you.

I am working to get to a point where can begin working with you. This has taken a bit longer than anticipated but I can assure you once we are in a position to move forward with your firm, I will reach out to you.

Bryan

Sent from my iPad

On Jun 8, 2013, at 12:20 PM, "wtonkins@comcast.net" <wtonkins@comcast.net> wrote:

Good Morning Mr. Graham

I pray all is well with you.

Please view this correspondence as a gentle reminder that I and a number of interested parties are still waiting on a meeting with you or a response from you regarding the status of a airport project. The entity involved in this project was to demonstrate its ability to implement its business plan (funding). It was my understanding starting in January 2012 that after a "reasonable" period of time a review of that entity's progress pertaining to the airport project would be made. It was also my understanding that if the entity attempting to implement its airport project is not progressing as it represented in its business plan and in other supporting material assertions then I would have an opportunity to implement my plans for creating a historic general aviation airport on the site of the historic Columbia Air Center consistent with section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

I send this gentle reminder because of the time sensitive nature of the 501(c)(3) process and the time sensitive nature of committing the resources needed to make this project a reality. We are rapidly approaching the third quarter.

Respectfully

Wayne A. Tonkins, Esq.

From: "Bryan Graham" <Bryan.Graham@pgparks.com>
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Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2013 10:35:57 AM
Subject: RE: Meeting

Hello Mr. Tonkins,

I haven't forgotten about you. We are working on what we previously discussed. I will follow up with you soon.

Bryan

From: wtonkins@comcast.net [<mailto:wtonkins@comcast.net>]
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2013 1:39 PM

To: Graham, Bryan
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Subject: Meeting

Good Afternoon Mr. Graham

I am following up with you pertaining to the possibility of us meeting regarding the airport project at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully

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