

# Civic Commons Studio #7: A Culture of Connection

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**April 11–13, 2023**  
**Macon, GA**

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**April 11**

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Hotel Forty Five  
401 Cotton Avenue  
Macon, GA

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8:00 – 10:00 am  
**Registration**

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The Grand Opera House  
651 Mulberry Street  
Macon, GA

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10:00 – 10:15 am  
**Welcome & Stage Setting**  
Bridget Marquis  
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10:15 – 11:15 am  
**City Shares**  
George Abbott  
MEMPHIS RIVER PARKS PARTNERSHIP  
Paul Bauknight  
THE CENTER FOR TRANSFORMATIVE URBAN DESIGN

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Missy Frankl  
CAMDEN COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP  
Tonnetta Graham  
STRAWBERRY MANSION CDC

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Trina Harris  
TOUCHING MIAMI WITH LOVE

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Wade Johnston  
TRI-STATE TRAILS

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Caitlin Murphy  
LIVES ALLIANCE

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Erika Pinto  
SPUR

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Dan Rice  
OHIO & ERIE CANALWAY COALITION

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Chris Spahr  
CENTENNIAL PARKSIDE CDC

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Chloe Shipp  
SAN JOSÉ DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION

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Richard Young  
CIVICLEX

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11:15 – 11:45 am  
**Introducing Macon**  
Mayor Lester Miller  
MACON-BIBB COUNTY

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Alex Morrison  
MACON-BIBB COUNTY  
Robert Walker  
MACON-BIBB COUNTY

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Noon – 1:00 pm  
**Lunch**

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1:00 – 2:30 pm  
**Walking Workshops:  
Downtown Macon**

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*Cotton Avenue Plaza*  
Justin Andrews  
OTIS REDDING FOUNDATION

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Karla Redding-Andrews  
OTIS REDDING FOUNDATION

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Wimberly Treadwell  
WIMBERLY TREADWELL DESIGNS

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*Downtown Revitalization  
Strategies*

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Erin Keller  
NEWTOWN MACON

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*Median Parks*

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Michael Glisson  
MACON-BIBB COUNTY

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*Rosa Parks Square*  
Jim Beall  
FRIENDS OF ROSA PARKS SQUARE

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Andrea Cooke  
FRIENDS OF ROSA PARKS SQUARE

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Alex Habersham  
MACON-BIBB BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

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Joshua Murfree  
MACON-BIBB BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

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3:30 – 6:00 pm

**Walking Workshops:  
Pleasant Hill**

*Linear Park*

Tonja Khabir

JONES CAFE

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*Little Richard House*

Robert Banks

LITTLE RICHARD HOUSE RESOURCE CENTER

Lucille Williams

LITTLE RICHARD HOUSE RESOURCE CENTER

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*Jefferson Long Park*

Andrea Cooke

THE SOUTHERN CENTER FOR CHOICE THEORY

Tedra Huston

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT AUTHORITY

Bruce Riggins

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT AUTHORITY

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*Walnut Street &  
Clayton Street*

Nigel Floyd

MACON-BIBB COUNTY

Rachel Hollar Umana

BIKE WALK MACON

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*Walnut Street &  
Linwood Cemetery*

Y-O Lattimore

MACON CEMETERY PRESERVATION CORPORATION

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Jefferson Long Park

436 Pursley Street

Macon, GA

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6:00 – 8:00 pm

**Community Gathering**

Enjoy a relaxed outdoor meal with community members, featuring local food entrepreneurs.

*With performance by:*

Little Richard Band

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Hargray Capitol Theatre  
382 2nd Street  
Macon, GA

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8:30 am  
**Breakfast**

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9:00 – 9:40 am  
**Across Divides: Segregation,  
Social Networks &  
Perceptions of Place**

Tonika Lewis Johnson  
FOLDED MAP PROJECT, NFP

*Moderated by*  
Bronlynn Thurman  
GAR FOUNDATION

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9:40 – 10:20 am  
**A Shared Vision  
for Investment:  
Local Philanthropy**

Kathryn Dennis  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF CENTRAL GEORGIA

Karen Lambert  
THE PEYTON ANDERSON FOUNDATION

Lynn Murphey  
JOHN S. AND JAMES L. KNIGHT FOUNDATION

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10:30 – 11:30 am  
**Breakout Discussions**

*Changing Operations:  
Climate Resilience*

Kelsey Hawkins-Johnson  
GROUNDWORK OHIO RIVER VALLEY

Joe Salvato  
GUADALUPE RIVER PARK CONSERVANCY

*New Funding Models:  
Federal Earmarks*

Carol Coletta  
MEMPHIS RIVER PARKS PARTNERSHIP

Jason Su  
GUADALUPE RIVER PARK CONSERVANCY

Caroline Winschel  
BARTRAM’S GARDEN

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*Place Driving Equity:  
Value Creation Through  
Commercial Corridors*

Paul Bauknight  
THE CENTER FOR TRANSFORMATIVE URBAN DESIGN

Alexa Bush  
THE KRESGE FOUNDATION

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*Robust Engagement:  
Emerging Practice*

Jamal Boddie  
BLOOM

Dan Rice  
OHIO & ERIE CANALWAY COALITION

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*Strategic Storytelling:  
Social Media & Photography*

Leslie Carlson  
IN COMMON AGENCY

Joe Myers  
CAMDEN COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Ocmulgee Mounds  
National Historical Park  
1207 Emery Highway  
Macon, GA

11:45 am – 12:45 pm

**Lunch**

12:45 – 2:00 pm

**Onsite Learning:  
Ocmulgee Mounds  
National Historical Park**

*Envisioning a National Park:  
Federal Advocacy*

Seth Clark

OCMULGEE NATIONAL PARK & PRESERVE INITIATIVE

*Planning the Ocmulgee  
Heritage Trail*

Bill Causey

OCMULGEE HERITAGE TRAIL OF MIDDLE GEORGIA

Chris Sheridan

OCMULGEE HERITAGE TRAIL OF MIDDLE GEORGIA

*Walking Tour of Earth Lodge &  
Mounds*

Tracie Revis

THE MUSCOGEE NATION | OCMULGEE NATIONAL  
PARK & PRESERVE INITIATIVE

2:00 – 4:30 pm

**Explorations: Public  
Space Outings**

*Art & Small Business Walk in  
Downtown Macon*

*Experiencing Music History  
at Capricorn Studios*

*Exploring Beall's Hill by Bike*

*Kayaking at Amerson River Park*

*Walking Tour of Mill Hill Artist  
Village & Community Center*

Fall Line Brewing Company  
567 Plum Street  
Macon, GA

6:00 – 8:00 pm

**Gather: Evening Reception**  
*Opening Remarks*

Alex Morrison

MACON-BIBB COUNTY

*With performance by:*

The Bozwellz

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# April 13

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Georgia Sports Hall of Fame  
301 Cherry Street  
Macon, GA

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8:30 am

## Breakfast

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9:00 – 9:15 am

## Morning Reflections

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9:15 – 10:00 am

## Civic Infrastructure for Shared Prosperity

Rhett Morris

COMMON GOOD LABS

Mitchell Silver

MCADAMS

Amanda Weinstein

UNIVERSITY OF AKRON

*Moderated by*

Alexa Bush

THE KRESCE FOUNDATION

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10:00 – 10:30 am

## Morning Break

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10:30 – 11:30 am

## City to City Interviews

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11:30 am – 12:15 pm

## Insights to Take Home

*Moderated by*

Bridget Marquis

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Tubman African  
American Museum  
310 Cherry Street  
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12:15 – 1:30 pm

## Lunch & Team Conversations



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