THE KANSAS AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM TO OPEN NEW EXHIBITION OF PRINTS BY GORDON PARKS

- Wichita, Kansas – On Saturday, September 15th, 2018, The Kansas African American Museum (TKAAM) will present an exhibition of rarely seen prints by Gordon Parks.

- On Saturday, September 22nd there will be a special reception to introduce TKAAM’s new Executive Director, Ms. Denise Sherman, and to present a program by Marcia McCoy, long-time friend of Parks and curator of his exhibition “Gordon Parks Signature Collection – Images From The Soul.”

Gordon Parks, a Kansas native, is a well-known photographer, composer, writer and filmmaker. What is less known is that he was also a painter. The technique he used to create each print in this series is testament to the creative genius that he was. The combination of painted landscape and found object or human figure creates a surreal image that could only come from the soul of an artist. The exhibition, “Gordon Parks Signature Collection – Images From The Soul,” is a sampling of 11 prints from the series of 50, and five from his body of work spanning 1965 – 2006. The exhibition is sponsored by the Jo Zakas Legacy Foundation and Celebrity Cruises.

- Saturday, September 15, 12 noon to 4 pm – public opening of “Images From The Soul,” an exhibition of 16 prints by Gordon Parks. Admission fee required.

The exhibition consists of 12 stunning prints from TKAAM’s permanent collection, 7 of which were donated by the late Jo Zakas, local philanthropist and art collector. Also included are 4 prints generously loaned for the exhibition by local collector, Dr. Matt Goltl.

- Saturday, September 22nd, 12 noon to 4 pm – FREE to the public reception to introduce TKAAM’s new Executive Director, Denise Sherman, and to present a talk by Marcia McCoy. Program begins at 1 pm.

The Board of Directors of The Kansas African American Museum is pleased to announce that Ms. Denise Sherman of Wichita has been selected to become the new Executive Director of the Museum. Her extensive professional experience includes leadership positions with Southwestern College, the Wichita Area Technical College; Carter-Sherman Broadcast Group; and Southwest Manufacturing. Ms. Sherman has an extensive and impressive history of community engagement in Wichita.

Marcia McCoy, an artist herself, was a long-time friend of Gordon Parks and worked with him as curator of his Signature Collection: Images From The Soul. She will speak about the series and give insights about what it was like to work with Mr. Parks.