

**FRIENDS OF ROSA PARKS SQUARE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
June 11, 2020 – 4:00 P.M.
Government Center
BOC Conference Room**

Members Present

Nancy Cleveland, Community Foundation of Central Georgia, Chair
George Muhammad, KCAC, Inc., Vice Chair
C. Jack Ellis, Former Mayor
Jim Beall, Beall Financial Planning, Inc.
Jean Bragg, Travis Jean
Kunj Patel, Kunj Construction & Development
Alex Morrison, MBC Urban Development Authority
Dr. Carmalita Dillard, Bibb County BOE
Louie Hargrove, Citizen
Tim Thornton, Thornton Realty & Development

Media Present

Liz Fabian, Mercer University Center for Collaborative Journalism

Staff Present

Joel Callins, MBC Asst. County Attorney
Janice Ross, MBC Clerk of Commission
Kaye Cleveland, Recording Secretary

Members Absent

Bob Fickling, Rhythm N Jazz Foundation, Inc.
Sarah Hunt, Middle GA National Action Network

Chair Nancy Cleveland called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Mr. Alex Morrison, seconded by Ms. Jean Bragg and passed unanimously, the minutes from the Communications Subcommittee and May 2020 Meetings were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Cleveland advised the group regarding updates to the Communications Plan. Said updates included honoring Civil Rights Leaders on social media and providing more of the park history. The group was informed an inventory listing the monuments in Rosa Parks Square was completed and it would be updated. Mr. Jim Beall and Mr. Bob Fickling were nominated to serve

as the Chair for the Communications Subcommittee. The group was advised the Communications Subcommittee discussed creating an event calendar, tracking Facebook Posts, data collection and designating someone to manage said items.

DESIGN

Mr. George Muhammad informed the group the next Design Subcommittee Meeting would take place on July 2, 2020 at 4 p.m.

FUND RAISING

Group Members were advised the Fund-Raising Subcommittee was in the process of identifying resources for grant funding. Mr. Morrison discussed the possibility of creating events designed to raise money as well. The group was informed accessing grant funds depended heavily depended upon having bid sets for park improvements completed.

BID SET UPDATE

Former Mayor Ellis opened discussion regarding the Request for Proposals (RFP) and non-mandatory walk through. Said event was scheduled for June 5, 2020 at 10 a.m. Ms. Cleveland stated the RFP was posted on the Macon-Bibb County Website on May 28, 2020 stating the date said walk through.

Mr. Morrison informed the Board seven (7) design firms attended the walk through of Rosa Parks Square. He stated further that Requests for Qualifications (RFQs) were due on June 26, 2020 at 12 p.m.

TIMELINE REVIEW

Ms. Cleveland opened discussion regarding the timeline for implementation of park improvements. The group was informed park improvements are on schedule with the 2020 Timeline presented at the March Meeting.

PARK PROGRAMMING

Board Members discussed park programming. Ms. Cleveland gave an overview of proposed events to install a memorial flag in Rosa Parks Square. Discussion ensued with everyone deciding to delay park programming until initial improvements had been made. Board Members discussed the responsibility of the Board with respect to park programming. MBC Assistant County Attorney referred to the ordinance establishing the Board to clarify concerns regarding events held at Rosa Parks Square.

Ms. Cleveland informed board members regarding the inclusion of Rosa Parks Square in the Freedom for All 5K Event organized to present the history and incidences of racial injustice, honor local Civil Rights Leaders and showcase African American Landmarks in Macon-Bibb County.

ADJOURNMENT

Board members were advised the next regularly scheduled meeting would take place in Commission Chambers on July 9, 2020 at 4 p.m. with implemented social distancing requirements. On motion by Mayor Ellis, seconded by Mr. Beall and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

Kaye Cleveland
Recording Secretary