

**FRIENDS OF ROSA PARKS SQUARE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
May 14, 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
Sarah Hunt, Middle GA National Action Network
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
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

Others Present

Darius Maynard, Community Foundation of Central Georgia

Members Absent

Bob Fickling, Rhythm N Jazz Foundation, Inc.
Louie Hargrove, Community Activist
C. Jack Ellis, Former Mayor

Chair Nancy Cleveland called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Ms. Jean Bragg, seconded by Mr. Jim Beall and passed unanimously, the minutes from the Design Subcommittee and April 2020 Meetings were approved.

UPDATE: COUNTY EMAILS

Ms. Janice Ross showed board members how to access their Macon-Bibb County (MBC) Email Accounts. Everyone was informed forwarding emails from MBC Accounts to private accounts makes those accessible when answering Open Records Requests.

DISCUSSION: SUBCOMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

Ms. Cleveland requested to nominate Dr. Carmalita Dillard and Ms. Sarah Hunt to serve on the Design Subcommittee. Board members discussed said nominations. On motion by Mr. Beall, seconded by Ms. Bragg and passed unanimously, Dr. Dillard and Ms. Hunt will serve on the Design Subcommittee.

Board Members discussed nominations for Design Subcommittee Chair. Mr. Kunj Patel nominated Mr. George Muhammad for said position. Dr. Dillard was also nominated. By a vote of four to two with Mr. Beall, Dr. Dillard, Mr. Patel, and Mr. Morrison affirming and Mr. Tim Thornton and Ms. Hunt dissenting, Mr. George Muhammad was voted to serve as Chair of the Design Subcommittee. Ms. Cleveland informed everyone the Design Subcommittee would be responsible for reviewing bid sets for park improvements to present to the Macon-Bibb County Commission. Subcommittee members agreed to meet on the first Thursday of each month.

SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

Mr. Muhammad briefed the Board regarding the first Design Subcommittee Meeting. Mr. Muhammad reviewed topics discussed during said meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the possible remembrance of community leaders and the opportunity to show the history of Macon-Bibb County to be included with park improvements. Board members discussed the timeline presented for park improvements. Ms. Cleveland informed the group Mr. Alex Morrison sent the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the Macon-Bibb County Procurement Website.

Ms. Cleveland requested to create a formal meeting date for the Communications Subcommittee. The group agreed to meet on May 18, 2020 at 4 p.m. Board Members were informed the Fund-Raising Subcommittee would setup a meeting time.

ADJOURNMENT

Board members were advised the next regularly scheduled meeting would take place via Zoom Video Conference on June 11, 2020 at 4 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Kaye Cleveland
Recording Secretary