

**FRIENDS OF ROSA PARKS SQUARE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
May 13, 2021 – 4:00 P.M.
Government Center
Video Conference**

Members Present

Nancy Cleveland, Chair
Andrea Cooke, Southern Center for
Choice Theory, LLC
Jim Beall, Beall Financial Planning, Inc.
Alex Morrison, MBC Urban Development
Authority
Susannah Maddux, Macon Magazine
Dr. Carmalita Dillard, Bibb County BOE
Tim Thornton, Thornton Realty &
Development

Media Present

Liz Fabian, Mercer Univ. CCJ

Staff Present

Joel Callins, MBC Assistant County Attorney
Kaye Cleveland, Recording Secretary

Members Absent

Kunj Patel, Kunj Construction &
Development
Bob Fickling, Rhythm N Jazz Foundation,
Inc.
Louie Hargrove, Citizen
LaNita Pless King, BCSO
George Muhammad, KCAC, Inc., Vice
Chair

Chair Nancy Cleveland called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Mr. Jim Beall, seconded by Mrs. Andrea Cooke and passed unanimously, the minutes from the April 8, 2021 Meeting were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Beall informed board members there was no meeting of the Friends of Rosa Parks Square Board Communications Subcommittee for the month of April. Ms. Cleveland opened discussion regarding the Official Logo, Stationery and Website for the Friends of Rosa Parks Square Board. Board members were advised Mercer University students finished all designs.

Ms. Cleveland advised board members regarding an event which took place at Rosa Parks Square. The Community Enhancement Authority held a celebration of Little Richard Event at Rosa Parks Square in honor of the fall music pioneer. Board members were advised attendees followed park rules regarding alcohol.

DESIGN

Mr. Alex Morrison gave an update regarding HGOR. Board members were advised the contract is moving forward. Mr. Morrison stated the County Attorney's Office was drafting a contract with HGOR. Discussion ensued regarding a proposed grant funding for said project. Board members were advised regarding the acceptance of a Downtown Challenge Grant in the amount of \$46,300, that would help fund the project with HGOR. Mr. Morrison advised board members Todd Fuller, HGOR, would attend the next meeting and walk through the park with board members and sit in on the meeting.

FUND-RAISING

Ms. Cleveland opened discussion regarding a meeting with Ms. Christy Iulucci to discuss funding. Board members were informed there was \$934 in the fund with the Community Foundation of Central Georgia. Ms. Cleveland stated the MBC Rosa Parks Square Fund is interest-bearing and board members were given an approximate figure regarding how much interest accumulated.

PARK REDEDICATION CEREMONY

Ms. Cleveland opened discussion regarding the Park Rededication Ceremony. Board members were informed a tentative date, June 26, 2021, had been set in honor of the day Rosa Parks received an NAACP Award.

Board members were advised Marshall Talley was appointed to the Communications Subcommittee. Ms. Cleveland advised regarding Mr. Talley's qualifications and potential contributions to the subcommittee and park events.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Ms. Cleveland advised board members regarding the Strategic Planning Meeting of the Friends of Rosa Parks Square Board. She stated information would be compiled from interviews with board members into a Two-Year Plan to develop the board and the park. Ms. Cleveland thanked all the board members for their input and for attending the Strategic Planning Meeting.

COMMITTEE ACTIVATION

Ms. Cleveland opened discussion regarding Subcommittee Meetings and attendance. She expressed concerns and regarding the frequency of meetings and board member attendance. Board members were advised regarding subcommittee meeting times and expectations regarding attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

Board members were advised the next Friends of Rosa Parks Square Board Meeting would take place in person at Rosa Parks Square. Ms. Cleveland also stated the next regularly

scheduled Friends of Rosa Parks Square Board meeting was scheduled to take place on June 10, 2021 at 4 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Kaye Cleveland
Recording Secretary