

FRIENDS OF ROSA PARKS SQUARE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
May 12, 2022 – 12:00 P.M.
Government Center

Members Present

Jim Beall
Susannah Maddux
George Muhammad Vice Chair
Alex Morrison
Erin Keller
Clarence Thomas

Members Absent

Jonathan Barton
Nancy Cleveland Chair
Andrea Cooke

Media Present

Liz Fabian

Staff Present

Adrianna Beavers, Asst. County Attorney
Janet Birmingham Parker, Administrative Assistant

Non-Members

Charise Stephens, MBC Small Business Affairs

The Friends of Rosa Parks Square meeting began at 12:10. There was no quorum at that time. Charise Stephens, MBC Small Business Affairs, gave a brief overview of the Fitness Festival that will be held September 5-11, 2022. She stated this year's theme is "We love our parks". The data shows how unhealthy people continue to be unhealthy. This event is a fun way to bring some accountability to unhealthy living, and to utilize Macon's open spaces.

Upon the arrival of Vice Chair George Muhammad which established a quorum the meeting was called to order at 12:20 p.m.

1.APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Mrs. Susannah Maddux, seconded of Mr. Jim Beall and passed unanimously, the minutes from March 10, 2022, were approved.

2. Appointing New Member

Adrianna Beavers, Asst. County Attorney discussed the appointment of two new members to fill the vacancies of the board. She updated the board members that a quorum must be met which

is half the board plus one. She discussed the possibility of Warren Selby as a potential member. Jim Beall expressed concern for a member to be someone in the construction field. Alex Morrison suggested Sean Stafford with Stafford Builders and Consultant. Susannah Maddux stated the need for someone in the fundraising field to give guidance in how to go about raising funds for building the park.

3. Discussion of Subcommittee Membership

Adrianna Beavers stated there must be formal subcommittee members, a quorum must be met, after reviewing the Bylaws there is a need to update to reflect the Subcommittees Design and Communications have been fused together.

On motion of Alex Morrison, seconded by Erin Keller and passed unanimously the Bylaws will reflect the subcommittee design and communications as one subcommittee.

4. Discussion of Structure of Subcommittee

Adrianna Beavers tied these matters in with the discussion of the subcommittee membership.

5. Funding for Rosa Parks Square

Adrianna Beavers will be discussing the funding with Julie Moore when she is available. She is awaiting a response from Nancy Cleveland and will loop in Procurement to get a better understanding of where they are on the bid set and the RFP. She gave a brief overview of bid set on the county website.

6. Discussion of ChicNiq

The board members had several concerns and hopes for a great success for ChicNiq. Clarence Thomas stated his concern and the need for some guidance that could benefit ChicNiq. George Muhammad suggested to Clarence Thomas give guidance since he works for Parks and Recreation.

8. COMMITTEE REPORT

Jim Beall reported the Design and Communications met and discussed how Rosa Parks is a significant spot surrounded by cultural, business, religious, and political aspects. He spoke of its powerful message where the community can come together.

George Muhammad spoke on the need for a PSA to bring more awareness of Rosa Parks and to bring an excitement to getting more help in getting the park built.

Fund Raising NO Report

Board Development NO Report

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm

Janet Birmingham Parker
Administrative Assistant