FRIENDS OF ROSA PARKS SQUARE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
April 9, 2020 – 4:00 P.M.
Government Center
Mayor's Conference Room

<u>Members Present</u>
Nancy Cleveland, Community Foundation of Central Georgia, Chair
George Muhammad, KCAC, Inc., Vice Chair
Kunj Patel, Kunj Construction & Development
Jim Beall, Beall Financial Planning, Inc.
Louie Hargrove, Community Activist
Jean Bragg, Travis Jean
Alex Morrison, MBC Urban Development Authority
Bob Fickling, Rhythm N Jazz Foundation, Inc.
Tim Thornton, Thornton Realty & Development

<u>Media Present</u>
Liz Fabian, Mercer University Center for Collaborative Journalism
Victoria, WGXA

<u>Staff Present</u>
Joel Callins, MBC Assistant County Attorney
Janice Ross, MBC Clerk of Commission
Kaye Cleveland, Recording Secretary

<u>Members Absent</u>
C. Jack Ellis, Former Mayor
Dr. Carmalita Dillard, Bibb County Board of Education
Sarah Hunt, Middle Georgia National Action Network

Chair Nancy Cleveland called the meeting to order.

<u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u>

On motion by Ms. Jean Bragg, seconded by Mr. George Muhammad and passed unanimously, the minutes from the March 12, 2020 Meeting were approved with necessary changes.

<u>UPDATE: COVID-19</u>

Ms. Cleveland opened discussion regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic and the recent cancellation of the work session scheduled for March 24, 2020. She discussed further the need to have a work session regarding the needs of the Board and progress made toward improving the park. Ms. Cleveland requested to reschedule said work session. Mr. Joel Callins, MBC Assistant Attorney informed Ms. Cleveland he would ask Dr. Keith Moffett, County Manager, and Commission Elaine Lucas about the feasibility of rescheduling the work session.

Ms. Cleveland restated the short-term goals of the Friends of Rosa Parks Square Board which are listed as follows: Creating a Communications and Marketing Plan, Design Bid, Fund-Raising, and Installing a Statue of Rosa Parks by the end of 2020.

VOTE: SUBCOMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

Board Members discussed Subcommittee Nominations. Everyone was given a choice to be a member of three (3) Subcommittees approved in a previous meeting. Said subcommittees are listed as follows: Design, Communications and Fund Raising. Board Members C. Jack Ellis, Jim Beall, George Muhammad, Kunj Patel and Tim Thornton requested to form the Design Subcommittee. Members Nancy Cleveland, Bob Fickling and Louie Hargrove requested to form the Communications Subcommittee. Sarah Hunt, Alex Morrison and Jean Bragg requested to be a part of the Fund-Raising Subcommittee. Ms. Cleveland entertained a motion to approve said subcommittee nominations. On motion by Mr. Alex Morrison, seconded by Mr. Jim Beall and passed unanimously, all Board Members were approved for each subcommittee.

DISCUSSION: COUNTY EMAILS

Ms. Cleveland opened discussion regarding County Emails. Ms. Janice Ross informed everyone a follow-up would be done with the IT Department regarding email accounts. Ms. Ross further discussed Board Members would have the opportunity to meet via Zoom App.

Mr. Muhammad opened discussion regarding park design. He requested the Board to take another look at the Park Improvement Designs and consider what company to use when implementing said improvements. Ms. Cleveland informed him the role of the Design Subcommittee was to discuss any inquiries regarding said matter. Ms. Cleveland entertained a motion to have a meeting of the Design Subcommittee on May 7, 2020. On motion by Mr. Hargrove, seconded by Mr. Bob Fickling and passed unanimously, the Design Subcommittee will meet on May 7, 2020 to discuss any issues with park improvement designs.

ADJOURNMENT

Board members were informed the next meeting would take place on May 14, 2020 at 4pm. Ms. Cleveland adjourned the meeting around 5:08 p.m.

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Kaye Cleveland
Recording Secretary