FRIENDS OF ROSA PARKS SQUARE BOARD
AMENDED MEETING MINUTES
March 12, 2020 – 4:00 P.M.
Government Center
Mayor's 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.
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

Media Present
No Media Present

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

Members Absent
Kunj Patel, Kunj Construction & Development
Dr. Carmalita Dillard, Bibb County Board of Education
Sarah Hunt, Middle Georgia National Action Network

Chair Nancy Cleveland called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Ms. Jean Bragg, seconded by Mr. Jim Beall and passed unanimously, the minutes from the February 13, 2020 Meeting were approved with necessary corrections.

UPDATE: RESOLUTION NO. R-19-0232 – UDA FUNDING & PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Ms. Cleveland opened discussion regarding Park Improvements and funding. Board Members were advised Ms. Cleveland and Mr. Alex Morrison gave an update to the Macon-Bibb County Commission regarding progress to complete park improvements. Ms. Cleveland stated the Commissioners were informed of board members not receiving county emails and not having clarity regarding the amount of funding available. The Commission asked the Board to attend a

Work Session to discuss their needs for implementing said improvements. Ms. Cleveland informed board members it was scheduled to take place on March 24, 2020 at 1 p.m.

Mr. Morrison briefly discussed funding. The Board was advised funding through the sale of the Willie C. Hill Annex building was not readily available, however, an Intergovernmental Agreement needed to be passed to acquire needed funding for park improvements. Ms. Cleveland added approximately $54,000 was readily available and gave suggestions to board members to spend said funds.

DISCUSSION & VOTE: BY-LAWS

Group Members discussed the proposed by-laws for the Friends of Rosa Parks Square Board. Ms. Cleveland informed the group of the need to pass them as is to begin work on park implementation. Board members were given an opportunity to review the by-laws. Ms. Cleveland entertained a motion for approval. On motion by Mr. C. Jack Ellis, seconded by Mr. Bob Fickling and passed unanimously the by-laws for the Friends of Rosa Parks Square Board were approved.

Ms. Janice Ross, MBC Clerk of Commission, informed the group the IT Department was working on creating county emails. Ms. Ross stated she would be working with Ms. Cleveland to help board members set up email accounts. The Board was also advised an account was going to be established to receive funds for park improvements. Ms. Ross officially invited everyone to the Work Session on March 24, 2020.

DISCUSSION: ATTENDANCE POLICY

The Board began discussing the proposed attendance policy. Ms. Cleveland advised the Board although an attendance policy was not required, it may still be needed. Group Members were informed the County Attorney would have to work with the Chair to draft an attendance policy. Discussion ensued regarding the parameters of said policy. Board members agreed to allow no more than two non-emergency absences in a year.

DISCUSSION: STRATEGIC GOALS & TIMELINE

Ms. Cleveland opened discussion regarding the Strategic Goals and Timeline for the Board. The goals of each subcommittee were reviewed. Ms. Cleveland requested the Design Committee to get bid sets for park improvement and quotes for a statue to be placed in Rosa Parks Square. Board Members were asked to consider what subcommittee they were interested in joining. Ms. Cleveland asked everyone decide and be ready to vote on subcommittee members at the April 2020 Meeting.

Ms. Cleveland presented a timeline for the implementation of Park Improvements and previous goals established by the Board. Said timeline included the passing of by-laws, meetings for bids, establishing subcommittees and construction work to be done in the future. Mr. Ellis expressed concerns regarding park improvement designs and the Veterans' Memorial in the park. Ms. Cleveland stated he could express is concerns to the Design Subcommittee once all subcommittees were established.

Mr. George Muhammad expressed concerns regarding the selections for subcommittees. Mr. Muhammad stated he did not feel comfortable with the Chairperson nominating members to the subcommittees.

ADJOURNMENT

Board members were informed the next meeting would take place on April 9, 2020 at 4pm. Ms. Cleveland adjourned the meeting around 5:10 p.m.

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Kaye Cleveland
Recording Secretary