

**FRIENDS OF ROSA PARKS SQUARE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
January 20, 2022 – 4:00 P.M.
Government Center**

Members Present

Nancy Cleveland, Chair
Andrea Cooke, Southern Center for
Choice Theory, LLC
Jim Beall, Beall Financial Planning, Inc.
Susannah Maddux, Macon Magazine

Media Present

No Media Present

Staff Present

Louie Hargrove, Mental Health Consultant
Bob Fickling, Rhythm N Jazz Foundation, Inc. – By Phone
Sara Davis, Asst. County Attorney
Kaye Cleveland, Recording Secretary

Members Absent

Alex Morrison, MBC Urban Development
Authority

George Muhammad, KCAC, Inc., Vice
Chair

Chair Nancy Cleveland called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Mr. Jim Beall, seconded by Mrs. Andrea Cooke and passed unanimously, the minutes from the October 14, 2021, Meeting were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS/DESIGN

Ms. Cleveland gave an update regarding the Communications/Design Subcommittee. Board members were notified an event to commemorate Rosa Parks Birthday was scheduled to take place of February 5, 2022. MS. Cleveland stated Mr. Fickling would give an update regarding said event at the next Communications/Design Subcommittee Meeting.

Board members were advised regarding an article published in the Reimagining Civic Commons Blog. Said article discussed Rosa Parks Square and the importance of scheduling events in the park. Rosa Parks Square was also described as being in the heart of Macon, GA. Ms. Cleveland stated the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Wreath Laying Ceremony took place at Rosa Parks Square. Mr. Beall stated the March for Life Rally was scheduled to take place in Rosa Parks Square on January 21, 2022.

FUND-RAISING

Ms. Cleveland stated she spoke to the Mayor regarding the Friends of Rosa Parks Square Holiday Party. Board members were informed Ms. Cleveland paid for said event out pocket. Discussion ensued with Ms. Cleveland stating she would meet with MBC Administration and make sure the interest payments from sale of the Willie C. Hill Annex Building could be used for board expenditures.

Board members discussed the completion of the Bid Set by HGOR. Ms. Cleveland stated she wanted to move forward with the RFP to finalize the cost of park improvements. Ms. Sara Davis, MBC Assistant County Attorney, advised the MBC Procurement Department would finalize the RFP for Park Improvements so it could be sent out soon.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT

No Report

BOARD MEMBER NOMINATIONS

Ms. Cleveland opened discussion regarding board member nominations. Board members were advised nominations included: Erin Keller, Clarence Thomas, and Jonathon Barton. On motion by Mrs. Cooke, seconded by Mr. Beall and passed unanimously, Erin Keller and Jonathon Barton were accepted as nominations for the Friends of Rosa Parks Square Board. On motion by Mr. Beall, seconded by Mrs. Cooke and passed unanimously, Clarence Thomas was accepted as a nomination for the Friends of Rosa Parks Square Board.

RENTAL APPLICATION – PARKS AND BEAUTIFICATION

Ms. Cleveland opened discussion regarding the Rental Application Process for scheduling events in the park. Board members were advised entities would need to contact MBC Parks and Beautification to fill out an application. Board members also discussed the process of obtaining permits needed to schedule events at Rosa Parks Square. Ms. Cleveland wanted the Board to have more knowledge of said process and what events would be scheduled to take place at Rosa Parks Square for promotional purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Board members were advised the next Friends of Rosa Parks Square Board Meeting was scheduled to take place on February 10, 2022. The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Kaye Cleveland, Recording Secretary