FRIENDS OF ROSA PARKS SQUARE COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
December 12, 2019 – 4:00 P.M.
Government Center
Board of Commissioners' Conference Room

Members Present
Nancy Cleveland, Community Foundation of Central Georgia, Chair
Bob Fickling, Rhythm N Jazz Foundation, Inc.
Jim Beall, Beall Financial Planning, Inc.
Louie Hargrove, Community Activist
Jean Bragg, Travis Jean
Dr. Carmalita Dillard, Bibb County Board of Education
Tim Thornton, Thornton Realty & Development
Alex Morrison, MBC Urban Development Authority

Media Present
Liz Fabian, Mercer University Center for Collaborative Journalism

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

Members Absent
Jack Ellis, Former Mayor
Sarah Hunt, Middle Georgia National Action Network
Kunj Patel, Kunj Construction & Development
George Muhammad, KCAC, Inc., Vice Chair

Ms. Nancy Cleveland called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Mr. Jim Beall, seconded by Ms. Jean Bragg and passed unanimously, the minutes from the November 14, 2019 Meeting were approved as amended to make corrections.

CREATION OF COUNTY EMAILS

Ms. Cleveland prompted discussion regarding the creation of County Emails for Board Members. She entertained a motion to create county emails for commission members. On motion by Mr. Beall, seconded by Ms. Cleveland the Macon-Bibb County IT Department will create emails for the Friends of Rosa Parks Square Commission Members for correspondence regarding business involving Rosa Parks Square.

DISCUSSION: MEETING NORMS

Board members opened discussion to establish meeting norms. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves. Dr. Carmalita Dillard presented information to the board. Board members agreed to review the information at the next meeting. Mr. Hargrove suggested attendees raise their hands to speak. Ms. Cleveland reiterated meeting norms agreed upon by the group.

DICUSSION: MISSION, VISION AND VALUES FOR COMMITTEE

Ms. Cleveland opened discussion regarding the mission, values, and vision for the Friends of Rosa Parks Square Commission. Board members discussed incorporating the policy regarding alcohol consumption in the park. An overview of the role and capacity of the committee was discussed. The group was informed as members of the Friends of Rosa Parks Square Commission, their collective role was an advisory board authorized to make recommendations to the Macon-Bibb County Commission regarding the redesign of Rosa Parks Square, accept funding to establish said goal and maintenance and operation of said park.

Board members came to an agreement that the mission, vision, and values should correspond with language used in the ordinance establishing the committee. The group did not formally agree on specific statements. On motion by Ms. Bragg, seconded by Mr. Hargrove and passed unanimously, the committee agreed to table a vote in the mission, vision, and values for the Friends of Rosa Parks Square Commission until the January 2020 Meeting.

Mr. Hargrove opened discussion regarding alcohol signage in Rosa Parks Square. Board members agreed this topic should be discussed in further detail. Ms. Cleveland requested to add alcohol signage in the park as a topic on the next agenda.

ESTABLISHMENT OF SUBCOMMITTEES

Ms. Cleveland prompted discussion regarding the establishment of subcommittees. The group was advised a list of suggestive subcommittees would be provided for board members to discuss. Each member was asked to consider what committee they wanted to serve on or chair. Members were advised subcommittees could compose of members not on the Friends of Rosa Parks Square Commission, however, subcommittee chairs were required to report at regularly scheduled meetings and subcommittee meetings were public meetings. Ms. Cleveland informed the board subcommittee establishment would be added to the agenda for the January 2020 Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Board members were informed the next meeting would take place on January 9, 2020 at 4pm. On motion by Mr. Beall, seconded by Dr. Dillard and passed unanimously, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

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Kaye Cleveland
Recording Secretary