

**FRIENDS OF ROSA PARKS SQUARE COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
January 9, 2020 – 4:00 P.M.
Government Center
Mayor's 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
Kunj Patel, Kunj Construction & Development

Media Present

Liz Fabian, Mercer University Center for Collaborative Journalism

Staff Present

Joel Callins, Assistant County Attorney
Kaye Cleveland, Recording Secretary

Members Absent

Jack Ellis, Former Mayor
Sarah Hunt, Middle Georgia National Action Network
George Muhammad, KCAC, Inc., Vice Chair

Ms. Nancy Cleveland called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Mr. Alex Morrison, seconded by Mr. Tim Thornton and passed unanimously, the minutes from the December 12, 2019 Meeting were approved.

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 agreed at the previous meeting a succinct vision should be adopted for said committee. A document stating the mission, vision and values for the Friends of Rosa Parks Square was presented to the group. Ms. Cleveland entertained a motion to adopt said documentation. On motion by Ms. Jean Bragg, seconded by Mr. Jim Beall

and passed unanimously, the Mission, Vision and Values for the Friends of Rosa Parks Square Commission were adopted.

DISCUSSION: NO ALCOHOL SIGNAGE

Ms. Cleveland prompted discussion regarding placing signage in Rosa Parks Square to inform people alcohol consumption is prohibited. The Board was concerned parkgoers might consume alcoholic beverages unaware of legislation passed prohibiting drinking. Some members wanted signs that were more aesthetically pleasing while others rejected the idea of displaying signs citing the accessibility of legislation regarding said issue. Signage regarding park rules was suggested for display instead of “No Alcohol” signage.

DISCUSSION: SUBCOMMITTEE LIST

Discussion ensued regarding subcommittees. Board members were advised subcommittee meetings were subject to the Open Meetings Act and the feasibility of having subcommittee meetings. A consensus was reached with the understanding subcommittees should be formed based on the functions needed to attain the goal of improving of Rosa Parks Square. The subcommittees for the Board were named as follows: Construction/Design, Fund Raising and Communications. Ms. Cleveland advised the group subcommittees can be added as needed.

ADJOURNMENT

Board members were informed the next meeting would take place on February 13, 2020 at 4pm. On motion by Mr. Louie Hargrove, seconded by Ms. Bragg and passed unanimously, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Kaye Cleveland
Recording Secretary