



Friends of Rosa Parks Square Board Committee Meeting

August 10, 2023 | 12:00 PM
700 Poplar Street Macon, GA 31201

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
 - A 07/13/2023 Minutes
3. Old Business
 - A Board Goals and Objectives
 - B Mission Statement
 - C Potential activities for programming the park
 - D Review by-laws addressing and changing the introduction of new board members
4. New Business
 - A New Board Members: Steve Bell, Jeremy Grissom and Janeen Andrews
 - B Ordinance discussion
5. Adjournment

FRIENDS OF ROSA PARKS SQUARE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
July 13, 2023 – 12:00 P.M.
BOC Conference room

Members Present

Andrea Cooke, Chair
George Muhammad, Vice Chair
Bob Fickling
Susannah Maddux
Erin Keller
Jonathan Barton
Clarence Thomas
Jim Beall
Alex Morrison

Members Absent

Staff Present

Mayor Miller
Adrianna Beavers, Assistant County Attorney
Jake McCarthy, Attorney Intern
Sheila Griggs, Deputy Clerk of Commission

Others Present

Aminah Dixon, Macon Black Culture
Chic-Niq Representatives
Virgil Watkins, Commissioner

Media Present

Liz Jarvis Fabian, CCJ

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Andrea Cooke called the meeting to order at 12:07 pm

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Jim Beall, seconded of Susannah Maddux and carried unanimously, after spelling corrections to Andrea Cooke and Erin Keller's name was noted, the minutes of May 11, 2023 were approved.

3. **Old Business**

Rosa Parks Square Park design, cost savings and removal of the water wall was discussed by the board members. Commissioner Watson asked questions and shared suggestions.

On motion of Clarence Thomas to table amending the RFP to remove the waterwall and wait for the entire board to be present, with no second motion, the motion failed.

The board was reminded to be mindful of our Parks and Beautification Department when discussing any ideas that might cause extra required maintenance from that department.

4. **New Business**

- Board Goals and Objectives
 - Erin Keller submitted what she felt the purpose of the board was in an email (attached). Other members were encouraged to submit their thoughts in the near future.
 - Mayor Miller reminded the board that it was designed as an advisory fund-raising board and that no fund recognition is set up at this time in the budget.
- Mission Statement
 - There was no discussion or action.
- Potential activities for programming the park – Chic-Niq / ball prop for new year.
 - Macon Black Culture and Chic-Niq were present and briefly presented their idea for a New Years Eve Ball Drop and Unity Praise Fest to be held in Rosa Parks Square Park.
- Review by-laws addressing and changing the introduction of new board members.
 - Board members were asked to review the by-laws for future discussion at another meeting.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Jim Beall, seconded of Susannah Maddux and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Sheila F. Griggs
Deputy Clerk County Commission

DIVISION 16. FRIENDS OF ROSA PARK SQUARE BOARD¹

Sec. 2-890. Creation; composition.

There is hereby established in Macon-Bibb County a board to be known as the Friends of Rosa Parks Square Board, referred to throughout this division as the "board." The members of such board shall be residents of Macon-Bibb County who are vitally interested in seeing Rosa Parks Square, located at the corner of First Street and Poplar Street in Macon-Bibb County, Georgia, maintained and preserved as a park which sufficiently honors and memorializes the life and legacy of Rosa Parks.

(Ord. No. O-19-0006 , § 1, 2-5-2019; O-20-0006 , § 7, 1-21-2020)

Sec. 2-891. Authority and functions.

The Friends of Rosa Parks Square Board shall have the following authority and functions:

- (1) To provide for the organization of the board, the officers thereof their terms of office and all matters needful and necessary with regard thereto;
- (2) To adopt rules and regulations to facilitate the accomplishment of its objectives;
- (3) To assist the Macon-Bibb County Commission in investigating, promoting, and accomplishing the complete redesign of Rosa Parks Square as a worthy memorial to the life and legacy of Rosa Parks;
- (4) To help ensure the continued maintenance and operation of Rosa Parks Square as a park which serves in an appropriate manner as a worthy memorial to the life and legacy of Rosa Parks; and
- (5) To solicit and accept gifts, grants and donations of money and other property for the accomplishment of its objectives and functions, provided that the legal title of all real and personal property, acquired by the board by gift or otherwise, shall be taken and held in the name of Macon-Bibb County.

(Ord. No. O-19-0006 , § 1, 2-5-2019; O-20-0006 , § 7, 1-21-2020)

Sec. 2-892. Members; officers.

The Friends of Rosa Parks Square Board shall consist of twelve (12) members, who shall be appointed by the mayor pro tempore and subject to confirmation by the Macon-Bibb County Commission, and shall serve for terms of five (5) years each or until their successors are appointed and confirmed. All members shall serve without remuneration. The appointment of the members of the board shall be made by the mayor pro tempore and submitted to the Macon-Bibb County Commission for confirmation within thirty (30) days. Following the

¹Editor's note(s)—Ord. No. O-20-0006 , § 7, adopted Jan. 21, 2020, renamed Div. 16 from "Friends of Rosa Park Square Commission" to "Friends of Rosa Park Square Board" as herein set out.

Editor's note(s)—Ord. No. O-19-0006 , § 1, adopted Feb. 5, 2019, set out provisions intended for use as Div. 13, §§ 2-840—2-845. To avoid duplication of section numbering, and at the editor's discretion, these provisions have been included as Div. 16, §§ 2-890—2-895.

appointment and confirmation, members of the board shall meet and organize by electing one (1) of their members as chairperson of the board and by electing other officers as the board deems appropriate. Vacancies among the members of the board, other than by expiration of term, shall be filled by appointment by the mayor pro tempore, subject to confirmation of the Macon-Bibb County Commission, for the unexpired term in which the vacancy occurs. To be eligible for appointment to the board, a person must be a resident of Macon-Bibb County and must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.

(Ord. No. O-19-0006 , § 1, 2-5-2019; Ord. No. O-19-0045 , § 1, 7-2-2019; O-20-0006 , § 7, 1-21-2020)

Sec. 2-893. Macon-Bibb County not bound by board contracts.

The board shall not have the power or authority to bind Macon-Bibb County by any contract, agreement, financial obligation, indebtedness of any kind, or otherwise. No contract, financial obligation or indebtedness, incurred by the board, shall ever be a claim or charge against Macon-Bibb County or a lien on any Macon-Bibb County property which might have been improved as a result of any contract, financial obligation or indebtedness made or incurred by the board.

(Ord. No. O-19-0006 , § 1, 2-5-2019; O-20-0006 , § 7, 1-21-2020)

Sec. 2-894. Acceptance of gifts and grants.

The board shall not be authorized, without the prior official approval of the Macon-Bibb County Commission in writing, to accept any grant, gift or devise or real estate or grant or bequest of money or other personal property or any donation to be applied, principal or income, for any purpose authorized by this article, if the acceptance of any such grant, gift, bequest or devise will subject Macon-Bibb County to any expense or liability.

(Ord. No. O-19-0006 , § 1, 2-5-2019; O-20-0006 , § 7, 1-21-2020)

Sec. 2-895. Moneys; disposition.

All money received by the board from whatever source derived shall be deposited with the director of finance of Macon-Bibb County to the account of the Friends of Rosa Parks Square Board to be used for financing the projects and functions of the board.

(Ord. No. O-19-0006 , § 1, 2-5-2019; O-20-0006 , § 7, 1-21-2020)

Secs. 2-896—2-1000. Reserved.