



Friends of Rosa Parks Square Board Committee Meeting

September 14, 2023 | 12:00 PM
700 Poplar Street Macon, GA 31201

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
 - A Introduction of New Board Members
2. Approval of Minutes
 - A 07-13-2023 Meeting Minutes
3. Old Business
4. New Business
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