

**MINUTES OF THE
MACON-BIBB FRIENDS OF ROSA PARKS SQUARE BOARD MEETING
January 11, 2024 – 12:00 PM
Commissioner Conference Room**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Susannah Maddux
Jonathan Barton

OTHERS PRESENT

Andrianna Beavers, Assistant County
Attorney
Sheila Griggs, Deputy Clerk of
Commission
Liz Fabian, CCJ

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

Andrea Cooke called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

A 11-09-2023 Minutes

On motion of Jim Beall, seconded of Ivey Hall and carried unanimously, the minutes of November 9, 2023 were approved.

3. Old Business

Alex Morrison reminded the board that if a park waiver is approved for an event, the event manager is still required to submit an application with Parks and Beautification. This is a very important part of the procedure and can not be overlooked. It is the responsibility of the event manager to submit this application.

The Board discussed ways to educate event managers on the procedure for reserving parks in Macon-Bibb. Park reservations can cost up to

\$700.00 per event and the board discussed having these funds added to the Rosa Parks Square Park design account.

Adrianna Beavers presented the revised by-laws to the board where the main focus was on the attendance policy.

4. New Business

Andrea Cooke informed the board that the Macon-Bibb County Bicentennial Committee has offered to donate the cameras they installed at Rosa Parks Square to the park. The cameras were used to reflect video or pictures on the Auditorium wall. The use of the cameras could be a good funding source to raise money. The Board will establish a fee schedule and allow citizens to use the cameras for events. A representative from the Bicentennial Committee will attend our next meeting to discuss it. The Board will need to take a vote to accept the cameras and establish a procedure for usage.

Rosa Parks birthday is in February and the Board would like to hold a press release for the community this year to not only celebrate her and her achievements but to use it as a tool to remind people of the future park design. The Board will ask the Mayor's public relations team to help spread the word through the HUB as well. They would like to make this a yearly event in February and this year it will be on Friday, February 2, 2024. During this event, the Board will have vision boards of the park to let people see the new design.

Rosa Parks would have celebrated her (111th) one-hundred and eleventh birthday this year. As a promotion to raise funds for the park design, the board would like to create a PR code on the Community Foundation of Central Georgia website to receive donations for the park. The theme for this year will be **"Be one of the One's"**. A catchy phrase to encourage people to be one of the ones who helped build the park. (Thanks Liz)

The Board will purchase a wreath for this event.

On a motion of Erin Keller, seconded by Alex Morrison and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to purchase a wreath for this event to be used this year and future years and the cost of the wreath is not to exceed 250.00, was approved.

A Funding Sources Work Session

Erin Keller suggested that the board focus on the big picture of the park design in order to get something in place to take to the Commission when asking for funds and then focus on small events to raise funds. The park design needs to be added to the SPLOST list, otherwise the design will continue to be overlooked when funds are available.

The Board continued discussion on the water wall. Alex Morrison will

contact HGOR to get a new design created without the water wall. There might be a cost associated with this task. Alex Morrison will work on a cost analysis to present at a future meeting.

On motion of Andrea Cooke, seconded of Jim Beall and carried unanimously, the board authorized Macon-Bibb County to amend the bid request to remove the water from the wall and keep the wall.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila F. Griggs
Deputy Clerk of Commission