



Friends of Rosa Parks Square Board Committee Meeting

September 18, 2025 | 12:00 PM
700 Poplar Street Macon, GA 31201

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
 - A 07-17-2025 Meeting Minutes
 - B 08-14-2025 Meeting Minutes
3. Old Business
4. New Business
5. Adjournment

**MINUTES OF THE
MACON-BIBB FRIENDS OF ROSA PARKS SQUARE BOARD MEETING
July 17, 2025 – 12:00 PM**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Andrea Cooke, Chairman
Marshall Talley
Julia Morrison
Joshua Hall
Jeremy Grissom
Ivey Hall
Maiesha Clark
Scott Mitchell

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Anthony Howard
Erin Keller
Christele Parham
Susannah Maddux

OTHERS PRESENT

Michael McNeill, Chief ACA
Riley Roberts, Legal Intern
George Muhammad
C. Jack Ellis, Former Mayor
Juhan Talley
Sheila Griggs, Deputy Clerk of Commission

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:12 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

A 05-08-2025 Meeting Minutes

On motion of Julia Morrison, seconded by Jeremy Grissom and carried unanimously, the minutes of May 8, 2025, were approved.

3. Old Business

The Board discussed the Rosa Parks Park construction. The original completion date was scheduled for August 2025, but it has been pushed to September 2025.

4. New Business

The Board discussed nominations for Vice Chairperson and Secretary.

On motion of Scott Mitchell, seconded by Maiesha Clark and carried unanimously, the Board approved opening nominations for a Vice Chairperson and Secretary to be voted on at the August meeting.

The Board discussed creating a Program Chairperson.

On motion of Ivey Hall, seconded by Maiesha Clark and carried unanimously, the Board approved opening nominations for a Program Chair and a Program Co-Chair and establish the details of their assignments with a vote at the meeting in August.

Non-Agenda Public Comments

Former Mayor C. Jack Ellis informed the Board of the process he had to go through to receive approval to name the park after Rosa Parks. Former Mayor Ellis contacted the conservator of trust, Judge Damon J. Keith, and asked for permission. *"No documentation related to former Mayor Ellis's discussion or the permission to use the name has been found in the Macon-Bibb County archives."* Former Mayor Ellis and Mr. George Muhammad were both interested in hearing what the intentions of the Board were for the newly remodeled Rosa Parks Park.

The Board discussed Macon Fashion Week, which is happening in November 2025. It was mentioned that it would be a wonderful event to have at the newly designed Rosa Parks Park.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila F. Griggs
Deputy Clerk of Commission

**MINUTES OF THE
MACON-BIBB FRIENDS OF ROSA PARKS SQUARE BOARD MEETING
August 14, 2025 – 12:00 PM**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Andrea Cooke, Chairman
Marshall Talley
Julia Morrison
Erin Keller
Jeremy Grissom
Ivey Hall
Susannah Maddux
Maiesha Clark
Anthony Howard
Christele Parham
Scott Mitchell

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Joshua Hale

OTHERS PRESENT

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

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:07 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

A 07-17-2025 Meeting Minutes

On motion of Scott Mitchell, seconded by Christele Parham, and carried unanimously, the Board voted to amend the meeting minutes from July 17, 2025, to include the history of how Rosa Parks Park was named after Rosa Parks. The minutes should reflect the history provided by both former Mayor C. Jack Ellis and Mr. George Muhammad.

Former Mayor C. Jack Ellis informed the Board of the process he had to go through to receive approval to name the park after Rosa Parks. Former Mayor Ellis contacted the conservator of trust, Judge Damon J. Keith, and asked for permission. *"No documentation related to former Mayor Ellis's discussion or the permission to use the name has been found in the Macon-Bibb County archives."* Former Mayor Ellis and Mr. George Muhammad were both interested in hearing what the intentions of the Board were for the newly remodeled Rosa Parks Park.

3. Old Business

No discussion.

4. New Business

Julia Morrison shared sculpture ideas with the Board. She contacted an artist and showed the Board a few of his pieces. She is trying to set up a visit to the construction site in September for him to come and look at the area. Funding will be fundamental if the Board wishes to pursue a sculpture for the park.

The Board decided to ask Andrea Cooke to speak with Mayor Miller and get his opinion regarding the potential renaming of Rosa Parks Park. The Board decided to halt discussion until the Mayor has expressed his opinion.

A Voting for Vice-Chair, Secretary, Program Chair and Program Co-Chair

Andrea Cooke nominated Marshall Talley for the Vice Chair of Friends of Rosa Parks Square Board, Marshall Talley accepted the nomination.

On motion of Andrea Cooke and seconded by Scott Mitchell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved Marshall Talley as the Vice Chair for the Friends of Rosa Parks Square Board.

Andrea Cooke nominated Maiesha Clark for the Secretary of Friends of Rosa Parks Square Board. Maiesha Clark accepted the nomination.

On motion of Andrea Cooke and seconded by Ivey Hall, and carried unanimously, the Board approved Maiesha Clark for the Secretary of the Friends of Rosa Parks Square Board.

The Board discussed the responsibilities of the Program Chair and Program Co-Chair and decided to ask Scott Mitchell to draw up a description for the Board and bring it back at the next meeting for review and discussion. There was no vote for the positions.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila F. Griggs
Deputy Clerk of Commission