

**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