

**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,

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Sheila F. Griggs  
Deputy Clerk of Commission