

**FRIENDS OF ROSA PARKS SQUARE BOARD
AMENDED MEETING MINUTES
November 12, 2020 – 4:00 P.M.
Government Center
Video Conference**

Members Present

Nancy Cleveland, Chair
George Muhammad, KCAC, Inc., Vice
Chair
Sarah Hunt, Middle GA National Action
Network
Jim Beall, Beall Financial Planning, Inc.
Dr. Carmalita Dillard, Bibb County BOE
Alex Morrison, MBC Urban Development
Authority
Louie Hargrove, Citizen
Bob Fickling, Rhythm N Jazz Foundation,
Inc.

Media Present

Liz Fabian, Mercer Univ. CCJ
WGXA News

Staff Present

Joel Callins, MBC Assistant County Attorney
Kaye Cleveland, Recording Secretary

Members Absent

C. Jack Ellis, Former Mayor
Tim Thornton, Thornton Realty &
Development
Kunj Patel, Kunj Construction &
Development

Chair Nancy Cleveland called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Mr. Alex Morrison, seconded by Ms. Sarah Hunt and passed unanimously, the minutes from the October 8, 2020 Meeting were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Bob Fickling informed board members regarding the Anniversary Ceremony scheduled to take place on December 5, 2020. Mr. Fickling gave a brief overview of the program for said ceremony.

DESIGN

Mr. George Muhammad stated that there was no update regarding the Design Subcommittee. He discussed concerns regarding the results of the Request for Qualifications (RFQ). Board members were informed the next Friends of Rosa Parks Square Board Design Subcommittee Meeting would serve as an end of the year review and was scheduled to take place on December 3, 2020.

FUND-RAISING

Ms. Sarah Hunt gave an update regarding fund-raising efforts for park improvements. Ms. Hunt reviewed fund-raising ideas discussed at the first Fund-Raising Subcommittee Meeting. Board members were advised citizens volunteered to serve on said subcommittee and assist with fund-raising efforts.

Ms. Cleveland discussed appointing Ms. Hunt to serve as the Chair of the FRPSB Fund-Raising Subcommittee. A motion was entertained. On motion by Ms. Hunt, seconded by Mr. Jim Beall and passed unanimously, Ms. Sarah Hunt was appointed to serve as Chair.

UPDATE: CFCG FUND AGREEMENT

Ms. Cleveland stated the language of the Fund Agreement with Community Foundation of Central Georgia (CFCG) was approved by the MBC County Attorney's Office. Board members were advised the paperwork would be signed by Mayor Robert Reichert so private entities would be able to donate funds.

DISCUSSION: LEGISLATION FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board members discussed pending legislation from the November 10, 2020 Committee Meetings. Ms. Kaye Cleveland advised an ordinance was passed to appropriate funds for Rosa Parks Square, the Cotton Avenue Project, and other proposed projects for the Downtown Area. Board members were informed a resolution to name the Macon City Auditorium after Former Mayor C. Jack Ellis was approved in committees and would be presented at the November 17, 2020 Commission Meeting for a final vote following a Public Hearing.

DISCUSSION: NEW BOARD MEMBER NOMINATIONS

Ms. Cleveland gave an update regarding New Board Member Appointments. She stated Ms. Jean Bragg resigned and recommended Ms. Lanita King and Ms. Susannah Maddux for appointment to fill current vacancies. Board members were asked to give feedback regarding Ms. Cleveland's nominations. Ms. Hunt advised both nominations would be good for the Board. Mr. Muhammad asked if Mr. Clarence Thomas could be nominated to fill vacant seats in the future. Ms. Cleveland advised resumes for potential board members would be sent to Mayor Pro Tem Al Tillman soon.

Mr. Beall opened discussion regarding changing quorum requirements for meetings. Ms. Cleveland advised board members said change would help the Board achieve quorum for future meetings. On motion by Mr. Beall, seconded by Ms. Hunt and passed unanimously, the Friends

of Rosa Parks Square Board Bylaws were amended change quorum requirements to half of the current number of board members plus one.

ADJOURNMENT

Board members were advised the next regularly scheduled Friends of Rosa Parks Square Board meeting would take place on December 10, 2020 at 4 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Kaye Cleveland
Recording Secretary