

**FRIENDS OF ROSA PARKS SQUARE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
October 8, 2020 – 4:00 P.M.
Government Center
Video Conference**

Members Present

Nancy Cleveland, 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

Harriet Jardine, Mercer Univ. CCJ
Liz Fabian, Mercer Univ. CCJ

Staff Present

Michele Harris, MBC Assistant County Attorney
Kaye Cleveland, Recording Secretary

Members Absent

Jean Bragg, Travis Jean
C. Jack Ellis, Former Mayor
Tim Thornton, Thornton Realty &
Development
Kunj Patel, Kunj Construction &
Development
George Muhammad, KCAC, Inc., Vice
Chair

Chair Nancy Cleveland called the meeting to order at 4:18 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Mr. Bob Fickling, seconded by Mr. Jim Beall and passed unanimously, the minutes from the August 13, 2020 Meeting were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Beall gave an update regarding the Communications Plan. He stated a draft was presented at the previous Communications Subcommittee Meeting. Board members were advised said plan had not been finalized. Mr. Beall discussed the upcoming Park Dedication Program.

Ms. Cleveland informed board members of Mr. George Muhammad's request to be added to the Communications Subcommittee. A motion to nominate Mr. Muhammad was entertained. On motion by Dr. Carmalita Dillard, seconded by Mr. Beall and passed unanimously, Mr. Muhammad was nominated to serve on the Friends of Rosa Parks Square Board

Communications Subcommittee. Ms. Cleveland advised anyone can serve as a subcommittee member and to inform her of any nominations.

DESIGN

No Report

FUND-RAISING

Ms. Cleveland opened discussion regarding fund raising. Mr. Alex Morrison informed board members hotel bonds were approved and \$900,000 would be appropriated for funding Rosa Parks Square Improvements. Ms. Cleveland advised an account would be established under the Sponsored Programs Line Items with the Macon-Bibb County Finance Department.

UPDATE: RFQ & RFP

Ms. Cleveland opened discussion regarding the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for park improvements. Board members were informed the RFQ needed to be resubmitted to make corrections. Ms. Cleveland informed board members regarding a meeting with Mayor Robert Reichert on October 12, 2020 at 1 p.m. to discuss the RFQ and pending litigation against Macon-Bibb County.

DISCUSSION: BYLAW AMENDMENT

Board members discussed the need to amend the bylaws to establish guidelines regarding missed meetings. Ms. Cleveland entertained a motion to amend the bylaws to state if a member misses three consecutive board meetings without notification, they will no longer serve as a member of the Friends of Rosa Parks Square Board. On motion by Mr. Bob Fickling, seconded by Mr. Morrison passed with affirming votes from Ms. Sarah Hunt and Mr. Beall; and one dissent by Mr. Louie Hargrove, said motion was passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Board members were advised the next regularly scheduled Friends of Rosa Parks Square Board meeting would take place on November 12, 2020 at 4 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

Kaye Cleveland
Recording Secretary