FRIENDS OF ROSA PARKS SQUARE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
August 10, 2021 – 4:00 P.M.
Government Center

Members Present
Nancy Cleveland, Chair
Andrea Cooke, Southern Center for Choice Theory, LLC
Jim Beall, Beall Financial Planning, Inc.
Alex Morrison, MBC Urban Development Authority
Susannah Maddux, Macon Magazine
George Muhammad, KCAC, Inc., Vice Chair

Media Present
Liz Fabian, Mercer Univ. CCJ

Staff Present
Adrianna Beavers, Asst. County Attorney
Kaye Cleveland, Recording Secretary

Members Absent
Dr. Carmalita Dillard, Bibb County BOE
Tim Thornton, Thornton Realty & Development
Bob Fickling, Rhythm N Jazz Foundation, Inc.
Louie Hargrove, Mental Health Consultant

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Mr. Alex Morrison, seconded by Mr. Jim Beall and passed unanimously, the minutes from the Strategic Planning and the June 10, 2021, Meeting were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Beall opened discussion regarding the Friends of Rosa Parks Square Facebook Page. Board members were advised regarding events scheduled to take place at the park and important dates. Ms. Cleveland informed board members all subcommittee meetings would be dissolved with the adoption of the Strategic Plan.

DESIGN

Mr. George Muhammad discussed how information regarding park honorees would be displayed. Board members were advised a QR Code would be placed next to the honoree and park attendees could get information upon scanning the code. Board members were also advised regarding the possibility of providing an annual report to the community. Mr. Muhammad discussed the opportunity to have citizens obtain park memberships for a small fee and charging an annual membership fee.

FUND-RAISING

No Report

VOTE: HGOR – SCHEMATIC PLAN

Discussion ensued regarding the Schematic Plan for Park Improvements presented by HGOR. Board members agreed a vote was needed to approve the Schematic Plan. Board members were advised the said plan presented by HGOR was identical to the proposed park improvement designs. On motion by Mr. Beall, seconded by Mr. Muhammad and passed unanimously, the Friends of Rosa Parks Square Board approved the Schematic Plan presented by HGOR.

VOTE: STRATEGIC PLAN

Ms. Cleveland opened discussion regarding adopting the proposed Strategic Plan for the Friends of Rosa Parks Square Board. On motion by Mr. Beall, seconded by Mrs. Cooke and passed unanimously, the Friends of Rosa Parks Square Board adopted the Strategic Plan.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Ms. Cleveland opened discussion regarding new committees for the Friends of Rosa Parks Square Board. Board members were informed the new committees would be approved with the adoption of the Strategic Plan. The new committees were listed as: Design/Communications; Fund-Raising, and Board Development.

Board members discussed scheduling regular meeting dates for committees. Board members decided to have the Design/Communications Subcommittee Meeting on the first Wednesday of every month at 4 p.m. On motion by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mr. Muhammad and passed unanimously, the Friends of Rosa Parks Square Board agreed upon the time set for regularly scheduled meetings of the Design/Communications Committee.

ROLL OFFS

Discussion ensued regarding board member roll offs. Board members were advised Mr. Kunj Patel and Mrs. LaNita Pless-King would no longer serve as members of the Friends of Rosa Parks Square Board due to lack of attendance at board meetings.

VOTE: FUND-RAISING

Ms. Cleveland opened discussion regarding the Fund-Raising Committee. Ms. Susannah Maddux expressed an interest in serving as Chair of said committee. On motion by Mr. Beall, seconded by Ms. Cooke and passed unanimously, Susannah Maddux was appointed Chair of the Fund-Raising Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Board members were advised the next Friends of Rosa Parks Square Board Meeting was scheduled to take place on September 9, 2021, at 4 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

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Kaye Cleveland
Recording Secretary