

MINUTES

Mary C. Jenkins Community Center Task Force

Tuesday, August 21, 2018, 7:00 PM
City Hall Administrative Conference Room

Members Present: Maurice Jones, Chair, Council Member
Jim Fatland, City Manager
Randy Lytle, Citizen Member
Susan Threlkel, Citizen Member
Edith Darity, Citizen Member
Karen Darity, Citizen Member

Absent: Gary Daniel, Vice-Chair, Council Member
David Lutz, Public Works Director
Victor Foster, Citizen Member
Nicola Karesh, Citizen Member

Staff Present: Michael Pratt, City Attorney
Denise Hodsdon, Executive Assistant

Special Guests: Douglas Harris, Harris Architects
Rebecca Suddeth, Joint Historic Preservation Commission
Mark Burrows, Director of Planning & Community Development for
Transylvania County

Media: None

A. Welcome & Call to Order

Committee Chair Maurice Jones called the meeting to order at 7:13 PM.

B. Invocation

Mr. Pratt offered an invocation.

C. Certification of Quorum

Quorum was certified by Executive Assistant Denise Hodsdon.

D. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Ms. Threlkel, seconded by Mr. Fatland to approve the agenda as presented.
The motion carried unanimously.

E. Approval of Minutes from June 19, 2018 Meeting

Motion by Mr. Lytle, seconded by Mr. Fatland to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2018 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Continued Discussion of Donation of Mary C. Jenkins Community Center Property to City of Brevard

City Attorney Michael Pratt updated the committee on the status of the three property overlaps. He was able to meet with Surveyor Michael Phelps and Ms. Killian to walk her property line. He said the lines match up with our survey exactly and Ms. Killian has agreed to sign a boundary line agreement.

There has been no contact with the Mills heir who lives in Michigan. Mr. Pratt asked if it would be possible to get the person's name and address and he would write them a letter. Ms. Edith Darity will help get that information. Mr. Pratt advised that if that does not work, then we may have to start eminent domain proceedings for that heir's interest. Ms. Edith Darity will contact the heirs who live here in Brevard and make arrangements for them to meet with Mr. Pratt at his office to discuss further. Mr. Pratt further advised that if we move forward with eminent domain proceedings, we will have to have an appraisal and City Council would want a motion or consensus from the Task Force that it is time and it is necessary to pursue eminent domain with the unknown Mills heirs, if we can work things out with the known Mills heirs. Motion by Mr. Lytle, seconded by Ms. Threlkel to initiate eminent domain proceedings on the Mills property. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fatland informed the committee that Jacob Dinkins is under contract to purchase the Harris property. Mr. Fatland spoke with Mr. Dinkins and he advised that he is expecting to close on the property in September and that he plans to build six units on the property. Mr. Dinkins is aware of the overlap and he is willing to give the overlap property to the City in exchange for water and sewer taps for the six units at no charge.

Mr. Pratt prepared a Memorandum from the Trustees, which has been signed by Board Chair Randy Lytle, requesting that the City take all appropriate actions to demolish the present Community Center building. Mr. Pratt advised that because the building is not encumbered by any of the overlaps, demolition can start at any time. Following discussion about the need to remove and store some items from the building before demolition, it was decided that members of the Task Force would meet Public Works and Fire Department personnel at the property on August 30th to remove any items to be saved and put into storage.

G. Grant Application

Mark Burrows informed the Task Force that the Joint Historic Preservation Commission has received two grants for the purpose of studying the architectural history of

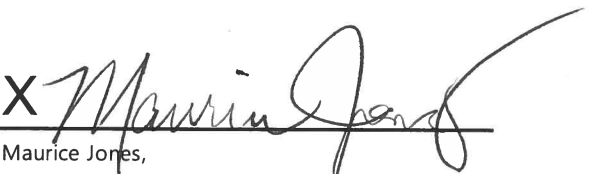
Rosenwald and other African-American communities throughout Transylvania County, and then following up on the work that is already being done looking at oral histories and combining those. Mr. Burrows expects that the County Commissioners will approve the grants at their upcoming meeting on August 27th. They will put out a request for proposals and then begin working with the communities to inventory both structures and the oral histories.

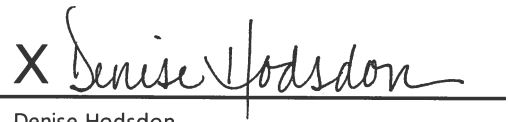
H. Set Date for Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Mary C. Jenkins Community Center Task Force will be Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 7:00 PM at City Hall.

I. Adjourn

Motion by Mr. Lytle, seconded by Mr. Fatland to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 PM. The motion carried unanimously.

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Maurice Jones,
Council Member, Chair

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Denise Hodsdon,
Executive Assistant

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