

# MINUTES

## Rosenwald Community Advisory Board

**Thursday, January 19, 2022 - 6:00 PM**

Mary C. Jenkins Community & Cultural Center

Members Present: Maurice Jones, Co-Chair, Council Member  
Randy Lytle, Co-Chair, President MCJCC Board (Left at 7:05 pm)  
Gary Daniel, Council Member  
Susan Threlkel, Citizen Member  
Victor Foster, Citizen Member  
Karen Darity, Citizen Member  
Edith Darity, Citizen Member

Staff Present: Wilson Hooper, City Manager  
Tyree Griffin, Community Center Director  
Denise Hodsdon, City Clerk

### **A. Welcome & Call to Order**

Co-Chair Maurice Jones welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

### **B. Invocation**

Mr. Foster offered an invocation.

### **C. Certification of Quorum**

Quorum was certified by City Clerk Denise Hodsdon.

### **D. Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Lytle requested to add an item regarding Community Center Punch List and Mr. Daniel requested to add an item regarding Clemson Plaza/Moms Mabley Statue. Motion by Mr. Daniel, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

### **E. Approval of Minutes of November 14, 2022 Meeting**

Motion by Ms. Threlkel, seconded by Mr. Daniel to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2022 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

## **F. Tracking Attendance Analytics**

## **G. Partnerships (Zumba, Music Class, Brevard Housing Authority)**

## **H. Upcoming Events/Programs**

Tyree Griffin reviewed the attendance and usage figures for past events and activities at the Center. He then shared some upcoming events and predicted that attendance at events is growing and will continue to grow. Ms. Threlkel shared that volunteers are coming forward and we are working on a volunteer management system.

Mr. Jones mentioned that the City may plan to hold more meetings and events at MCJCCC and suggested that he had talked with the Planning Department about possibly having a public session to review the Unified Development Ordinance. Mr. Foster added that we need to have a meeting to let people know that we are closing the section of Mills Avenue between the parking lot and MCJCCC and building a new road on the other side of the parking lot.

## **I. Committee Membership**

Mr. Hooper updated the Committee about the Council's new guidelines regarding membership for advisory committees. One notable change to the composition of this committee is that two seats that are currently designated to the MCJCC Board will convert to at-large membership at the end of the MCJCC Board members' terms in May. Those seats will be open for anyone who lives in the Rosenwald Community. Four seats will still be designated for MCJCC Board members. There was some brief discussion about possibly staggering membership terms, but further discussion was postponed until the next meeting.

Committee members then discussed their thoughts on the role and goals of this committee. There was agreement that the committee's role is to be a conduit through which the voice of the community would be transmitted to the City. As part of regular programming at the MCJCCC, committee members envision hosting monthly listening sessions with community members in order for them to express any concerns or needs they may have. The committee's vision, mission and goals will be discussed further at the next meeting.

## **J. Community Center Punch List**

Mr. Lytle presented a punch list of items that the contractor needs to complete or correct at the MCJCCC. Most of the items do not affect the functionality of the center, and most items have already been completed. Staff will review the remaining outstanding items with the contractor.

## **K. Clemson Plaza/Moms Mabley Statue**

Mr. Daniel informed the committee that the Downtown Master Plan Committee

received an application from an artist who has proposed putting a sculpture of Moms Mabley at Clemson Plaza. That committee decided to table the application and to convene a subcommittee to curate public art for downtown. Mr. Daniel noted that there is intention to honor the African American history of the theater that was there and it was thought that the Moms Mabley statue would fulfill that intention. It was suggested that the public art subcommittee should include members of the Rosenwald Community. Mr. Daniel has since had conversations with Ms. Edith Darity and Ms. Threlkel and they discussed that the Moms Mabley statue may be more appropriate at the MCJCCC instead of in Clemson Plaza. He suggested that the Rosenwald Community Advisory Board suggest to the newly formed public art subcommittee that this community have a voice in the decision about the location of the statue. Mr. Jones added that there will be a State Historical marker honoring Moms Mabley at Clemson Plaza that will say where she lived. Mr. Daniel suggested we could add a city sign by the marker that would direct people to the statue at MCJCCC. The committee will continue discussion of the statue at a future meeting.

**L. Set Date for Next Meeting**

The committee agreed to establish the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm as its regular meeting time. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the Community Center.

**M. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

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Maurice Jones  
Co-Chair/Council Member

Minutes Approved: March 16, 2023

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Denise Hodsdon,  
City Clerk