

# MINUTES

## Rosenwald Community Advisory Board

Thursday, February 16, 2023 - 6:00 PM

Mary C. Jenkins Community & Cultural Center

Members Present: Maurice Jones, Co-Chair, Council Member  
Randy Lytle, Co-Chair, President MCJCC Board  
Gary Daniel, Council Member  
Susan Threlkel, Citizen Member  
Victor Foster, Citizen Member  
Edith Darity, Citizen Member

Members Absent: Karen Darity, Citizen Member

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

Guest: Alvin Fuller, Summit Engineering

### 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

Ms. Hodsdon asked to remove approval of the January 19, 2023 minutes from the agenda. Motion by Mr. Daniel, seconded by Ms. Threlkel to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

### E. Discussion re MCJCCC Parking Lot

Mr. Hooper reported that the Cashiers Valley Road parking lot is nearing completion

and should be done in the next few weeks. However, the refuge area won't be completed until the existing road is demolished, which will not happen until the new road is ready to open. Project manager Alvin Fuller of Summit Engineering answered questions from the board and explained the layout of the parking lot. He noted that there have been several renditions of the plan and the current design is different than the original design that was presented to the board. He explained that some parking places in the original design were lost with the addition of the bike refuge area, which provides connectivity to the bike path. There will be approximately 38 parking spaces. He noted the proposed site plan also includes a future parking area to be completed when funds allow.

## **F. Mission & Goals**

Mr. Hooper noted the distinction between vision, mission and goals. Vision is intended to be your aspirations of what you want the group to be about. Mission declares your purpose and the tools you plan to use to reach your vision. Goals are the actual actions you are going to take to accomplish your mission. He recalled that at the last meeting there was talk of significant engagement activities, continuing with the educational aspect of the community center, and trust-building, which board members felt were important actions. Perhaps a mission statement could be built around those three actions. He asked board members to share other words that they felt expressed the values and aspirations of the board. Some of the words they shared were "engagement", "education", "sounding board", "trust building", "conduit for the community voice", and "safe comfortable place". Mr. Jones asked Mr. Hooper and Staff to take a stab at crafting vision and mission statements using these words and bring them back to the group for further consideration at the next meeting.

## **G. Moms Mabley Statue**

Mr. Hooper said there was some uncertainty about who would approve a public art project outside of downtown. He suggested that this board send a letter, that he offered to help draft, to the appropriate body, whether that be Downtown Master Plan Committee or City Council, requesting that Rosenwald be considered as the location of the Moms Mabley statue. The board requested that the artist be invited to the next meeting to share his plan for the statue.

## **H. Committee Member Staggered Terms**

The Board discussed asking City Council to consider instituting staggered terms for the Rosenwald Community Advisory Board. There was also discussion on amending term limits for this board to permit members to continue serving. Staff will investigate these requests more and bring information back to the next meeting.

## **I. Set Date for Next Meeting**

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the

Mary C. Jenkins Community & Cultural Center.

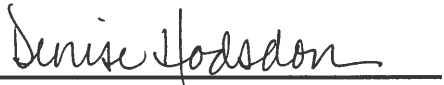
**J. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 PM.

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Maurice Jones  
Co-Chair/Council Member

Minutes Approved: May 18, 2023

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Denise Hodsdon,  
City Clerk