

MINUTES

Rosenwald Community Advisory Board

Thursday, May 18, 2023 - 6:00 PM

Mary C. Jenkins Community & Cultural Center

Members Present: Maurice Jones, Co-Chair, Council Member
Gary Daniel, Council Member
Victor Foster, Citizen Member
Edith Darity, Citizen Member
Karen Darity, Citizen Member (arrived at 6:10 pm)

Members Absent: Randy Lytle, Co-Chair, President MCJCC Board
Susan Threlkel, Citizen Member

Staff Present: 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 6:04 PM.

B. Invocation

Mr. Foster offered an invocation.

C. Certification of Quorum

Quorum was certified by City Clerk Denise Hodsdon.

D. Approval of Agenda

Because all Board members were not present Mr. Jones requested to remove Item I. Committee Member Applications Review and Recommendation from this agenda. This item will be discussed at a future special meeting. Motion by Mr. Daniel, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Approval of Minutes

1. February 16, 2023

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Daniel to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2023 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

2. March 16, 2023

Motion by Mr. Daniel, seconded by Ms. Edith Darity to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2023 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

F. Juneteenth

Mr. Griffin reviewed the activities scheduled for Juneteenth Weekend.

- The Mary C. Jenkins Community Center Board will hold a Juneteenth Community Celebration at MCJCCC on Saturday, June 17th from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM with Keynote speaker Minister Jonalyn Crite. Mayor Copelof will read the proclamation. The emphasis of this celebration is to bring awareness to the history of what Juneteenth is about. There will be a gospel selection and refreshments will be served.
- The City will hold the annual Juneteenth Block Party at Silversteen Playground on Sunday, June 18th from 12:00 to 5:00 PM. Activities will include a basketball tournament, Spades tournament, Dominoes tournament, and a horse shoe tournament. Food will be catered by Papa L.E.W., ice cream provided by Brain Freeze, and music provided by Sound Extreme.

G. Update re Moms Mabley Statue

Mr. Griffin updated the Committee on the Moms Mabley historical marker and proposed statue. The marker will be located at Clemson Plaza with unveiling in early September. Mr. Griffin has talked with sculptor Stephen Rapp about the statue that will be placed at MCJCCC in the circle by the parking lot. Mr. Rapp needs to raise \$15,000 to make two bronze maquettes, which will be miniatures of the statue used to show investors and City Council what the final product will look like in terms of expressions and artistic quality. The maquettes are usually collectibles and worth around \$8,000 each. Mr. Rapp has indicated that he plans to send one to the State Capital and is proposing to house the other here. Some of the profits will go to the Arts Council and some to the MCJCCC Board for future programming and events. The Arts Council is going to apply for a \$15,000 grant from the Transylvania County Tourism Board. Proposed timeline is for the maquettes to be done by the end of this summer and for the large statue to begin in the fall. It will take about 6 to 8 months to complete with an unveiling proposed for early fall 2024. Mr. Rapp is working the TC Arts Council and Heart of Brevard to make it a festival type event.

H. MCJCC Checklist Progress

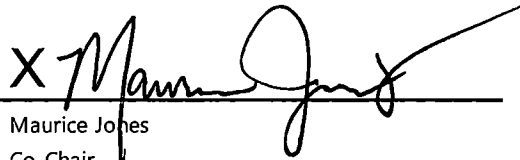
Mr. Griffin reported that he met with the contractor Travis Fowler of First Victory and architect Jim Alderman and walked around the building to see what was needed. First Victory has slowly begun to work on some of the items on the punch list. They will be at the Center tomorrow to work on the front door issue and look into the crack in the men's restroom. Mr. Daniel advised that the crack may require evaluation by an engineer.

I. Set Date for Next Meeting

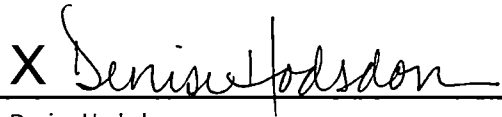
A special meeting was scheduled for Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the Mary C. Jenkins Community & Cultural Center for the purpose of reviewing committee member applications.

J. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

X 
Maurice Jones
Co-Chair

Minutes Approved: August 17, 2023

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Denise Hodsdon,
City Clerk