

MINUTES

Mary C. Jenkins Community Center Task Force

Tuesday, April 20, 2021, 7:00 PM

City Hall Council Chambers

Members Present: Maurice Jones, Chair, Council Member
Gary Daniel, Vice-Chair, Council Member
Jim Fatland, City Manager
Susan Threlkel, Citizen Member
Victor Foster, Citizen Member
Edith Darity, Citizen Member (Arrived at 7:06)
Karen Darity, Citizen Member (Arrived at 7:06)
Randy Lytle, Citizen Member (Arrived at 7:30)

Absent: David Lutz, Public Works Director
Nicola Karesh, Citizen Member

Staff Present: Denise Hodsdon, Executive Assistant

Guests: Maureen Copelof, City Council Member
Jane Mathews and Shane Elliott, Mathews Architecture (via Zoom)

A. Welcome & Call to Order

Committee Chair Maurice Jones welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

B. Invocation

Mr. Foster 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. Daniel to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Approval of Minutes of November 17, 2020 Meeting

Motion by Mr. Daniel, seconded by Ms. Threlkel to approve the minutes of the

November 17, 2020 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

F. Project Updates

1. Silversteen Playground

Mr. Fatland reported that the playground opened a few months ago and the new equipment has been a big hit with the kids. The ground has been prepped for the new basketball court and we are hoping the concrete will be poured this week. The synthetic surface will be delivered tomorrow and the hoops are already here. We plan to have another grand opening once the basketball court is completed.

Fundraising efforts continue for Silversteen Playground and MCJCC. The basketball court is fully funded and our next effort is for the picnic shelter. The Community Focus Foundation submitted a grant application on behalf of the City for landscaping for Silversteen Park for \$10,000 to \$15,000. Ms. Copelof added that Brevard Rotary is also submitting a grant of \$6,000 for native plant landscaping along the pathway by the stream bank.

2. Mary C. Jenkins Community Center

Mr. Fatland reported that Mathews Architecture has been busy working on completing the design and getting the project out to bid. Ms. Mathews reported that we have had an enthusiastic response from bidders. She noted that the contractors are having some particular challenges with getting commitments for prices from their suppliers. We had a soil analysis done and just received the results today. She advised that we need to give the bidders more time to review the results and recommended moving the bid opening to April 29th. Once the bids are opened, Ms. Mathews will review all bids and make recommendation to City Council for action at its meeting on May 17th. There will be a one-year construction period.

Ms. Copelof updated the committee on donation efforts. We have been selling bricks for both the playground and MCJCC and we have collected approximately \$26,000. We are working on the smaller grants and the Sherwood Forest Woodworker group has volunteered to make us as many wooden picnic tables as we want. She noted that we need to get a good cost estimate for a splash pad and then start fundraising for that.

Ms. Threlkel said that she has talked to Scott Sullivan, the owner of the 3 Oak Handcrafted store and he wants to build a table for one of the meeting rooms out of one of the trees on the MCJCC property.

Mr. Foster said that he is a member of a Race Relations group and they want to do a unity project in the community. They would like to take on some of these projects. He suggested that they could plant trees or do some other project to foster unity. Ms. Copelof noted that the landscaping project at Silversteen Playground would be a great project where they could help out.

G. Dogwood Trust Grant Application

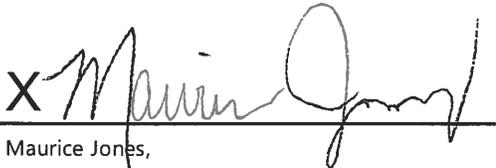
Mr. Fatland reported that the Community Focus Foundation is also looking into the possibility of submitting a grant application on behalf of the City to Dogwood Trust for \$250,000 for the MCJCC. We feel that we would have a strong local match of 90% City funding and 10% grant. Motion by Mr. Daniel, seconded by Mr. Foster to support making a grant application to Dogwood Trust. The motion carried unanimously.

H. Set Date for Next Meeting

It was decided that the Committee would meet again when needed.

I. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.

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Maurice Jones,
Council Member, Chair

Minutes Approved: June 1, 2021

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Denise Hodsdon,
Executive Assistant