

# MINUTES

## Mary C. Jenkins Community Center Task Force

Tuesday, June 1, 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  
Karen Darity, Citizen Member  
Nicola Karesh, Citizen Member

Absent: David Lutz, Public Works Director  
Edith Darity, Citizen Member  
Randy Lytle, Citizen Member

Staff Present: Denise Hodsdon, Executive Assistant

Guests: Jane Mathews, Mathews Architecture (via Zoom)  
Jim Alderman, MCJCC Construction Manager  
Tara Melendez, First Victory  
Keavey McAbee, Community Focus Foundation

### A. Welcome & Call to Order

Committee Chair Maurice Jones welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 Mr. Daniel, seconded by Ms. Threlkel to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

### E. Approval of Minutes of April 20, 2021 Meeting

Motion by Ms. Threlkel, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2021 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

## F. Groundbreaking & Juneteenth Celebration – June 19th

The MCJCC Groundbreaking Ceremony was scheduled for Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am at the community center site. The Juneteenth Celebration will immediately follow the groundbreaking at the Silversteen Memorial Playground.

## G. Pre-Construction Discussion

Mr. Fatland reported that the City Council awarded the contract to First Victory, the low bidder, in the amount of \$1,774,670, which is below budget. We also took a project ordinance to City Council and since the project came in below budget, we added \$300,000 to cover the cost of the parking lot.

The City has hired Jim Alderman as Construction Manager. Mr. Fatland, Ms. Mathews and Mr. Alderman are having a pre-construction meeting with First Victory on June 7<sup>th</sup> and will meet once a month during the construction phase.

Mr. Fatland reported that he has been working with the Community Focus Foundation on a grant request to Dogwood Trust. The request includes funding for the kitchen equipment, furnishings, and programming support.

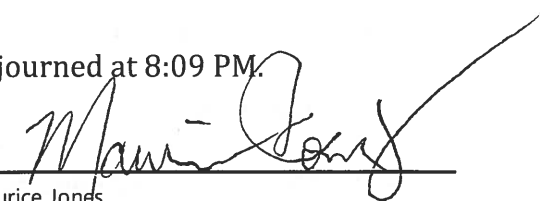
## H. MCJCC Task Force – Where Do We Go From Here?

Mr. Fatland noted that the Task Force has accomplished bringing this project in below budget and has now completed its assignment. He thanked everyone and noted that this group has put their heart and soul into making the Rosenwald Community a better place. He feels it is important to make this committee permanent in nature. He is recommending that the Task Force be dissolved and that we form a new Council Committee called the Rosenwald Advisory Board. He suggests that the new board's membership consist of two Elected Officials, City Manager, future MCJCC Director and members of the Rosenwald Community. He shared his idea with the MCJCC Board of Directors and they have suggested that the MCJCC Board President serve as a Co-Chair with one Elected Official. Following discussion, there was consensus to send a resolution to City Council to dissolve the MCJCC Task Force and establish the Rosenwald Community Advisory Board to include the same members as the MCJCC Task Force.

## I. Adjourn

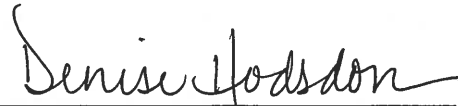
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM.

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Maurice Jones,  
Council Member, Chair

Minutes Approved: October 12, 2021

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Denise Hodsdon,  
Executive Assistant