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Mary C. Jenkins Community Center Task Force

Tuesday, June 9, 2020, 7:00 PM

City Hall Council Chambers

Members Present: Maurice Jones, Chair, Council Member
Gary Daniel, Vice-Chair, Council Member
Jim Fatland, City Manager
Randy Lytle, Citizen Member
Victor Foster, Citizen Member
Edith Darity, Citizen Member
Susan Threlkel, Citizen Member
Karen Darity, Citizen Member
Nicola Karesh, Citizen Member

Absent: David Lutz, Public Works Director

Staff Present: Denise Hodsdon, Executive Assistant

Guests: Shane Elliott, Mathews Architecture
Chris Yang, Carolina Parks & Play
Geraldine Dinkins, Council Member

A. Welcome & Call to Order

Committee Chair Maurice Jones called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

B. Invocation

Mr. Foster offered an invocation.

C. Certification of Quorum

Quorum was certified by Executive Assistant Denise Hodsdon.

D. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Daniel asked to amend Agenda Item G. MCJCC Site Sign to include discussion about Community Outreach as to the plan for moving forward on the MCJCC. He explained that he would like to discuss how the City presents the current situation to the Rosenwald Community. Motion by Mr. Daniel, seconded by Mr. Lytle to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Approval of Minutes from February 18, 2020 Meeting

Motion by Ms. Threlkel, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Continued Discussion of Preliminary Design

Mr. Fatland reported that the construction documents are proceeding. He asked Shane Elliott of Mathews Architecture to give an update on the design and where we stand on the construction documents. Mr. Elliott reported that the landscape and civil drawings are about 95% complete. Architectural, PM&E, and structural are approximately 50-60% completed. We have a good solid set of construction drawings where everything is basically covered; it just needs to be further detailed and coordinated. He said that Site Design Studio and Brooks Engineering have already been coordinating with the City on the site plan.

Mr. Elliott reported that they have obtained the first cost estimate and have submitted information to Mr. Fatland for review of where we stand with the cost estimate for schematic design and where the numbers fall. He said there is a value engineering exercise that will have to take place and he would like to identify from this point on, who are the decision making components. How do we get those decisions as quickly as we can? He added that they are at a point where landscape and civil are good, but with architectural, PM&E and structural, there is work we could be doing, but if we don't get some big sort of system component questions answered immediately, we will be slowed down significantly. For example, there are a lot of questions around the kitchen, like the oven hood. It is very expensive...is that going to make the cut or not. Mr. Elliott said we have some recommendations from plumbing, mechanical and electrical engineers for modifications to cut costs, but they are asking if it is our intent to make it a commercial kitchen or not. He said there are a lot of nitty gritty decisions that have to be made and it is critical that we get that done in the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Fatland suggested that a sub-group of this committee work with Mathews Architecture to go through these items in detail. Following discussion, Mr. Daniel, Mr. Foster and Ms. Threlkel agreed to serve on a sub-committee to work with Mr. Fatland and Mathews Architecture to review the cost estimate and discuss cost-saving recommendations in order to make decisions to move forward. The sub-committee will schedule a meeting and report back to the full Task Force at the next meeting.

G. MCJCC Site Sign & Community Outreach Discussion

Mr. Fatland shared draft versions of a "Future Home of Mary C. Jenkins Community Center" sign that he is proposing we place at the site (copy attached). He thought it was important to recognize the community partnership of all the groups working to make the project happen. He explained that with the impact of COVID-19, the City has put a hold on all capital projects until we are able to analyze financial data. He said the City Council will have a workshop in September to review finances through August 31st and if things look good at that time, we hopefully we can get this project back on schedule.

Mr. Daniel said this is a temporary setback and the City Council remains committed to the project. He would like for City Council to pass a resolution to reaffirm its commitment. Motion by Mr. Daniel, seconded by Mr. Foster for Staff to prepare a resolution reaffirming the City's commitment to the MCJCC project to send to City Council for consideration at its meeting on June 29th. The motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion about the proposed sign, there was consensus to order the horizontal version and a formal dedication of the sign was scheduled for Tuesday, June 30th at 7:00 pm. Members of all the community partners will be invited and we will ask *The Transylvania Times* to come take photos.

H. Silversteen Park Playground Design Presentation & Discussion

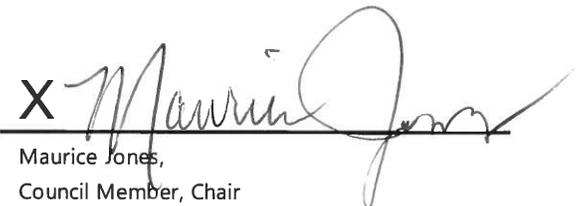
Mr. Fatland introduced Chris Yang from Carolina Parks & Play who gave a slideshow presentation about their company and showed a few examples of potential playground designs. Mr. Yang distributed catalogs for committee members as food for thought and he noted that if we were to choose features from the catalog, their designers can customize any of the designs.

I. Set Date for Next Meeting

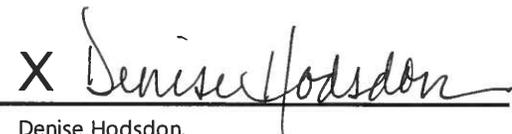
It was decided that the next meeting would be scheduled following the sub-committee's receipt and review of the cost estimate.

J. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 PM.

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Maurice Jones,
Council Member, Chair

Minutes Approved: August 25, 2020

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Denise Hodsdon,
Executive Assistant