

MINUTES

Rosenwald Community Advisory Board

Tuesday, August 30, 2022 - 7:00 PM

City Hall Council Chambers

Members Present: Maurice Jones, Co-Chair, Council Member
Randy Lytle, Co-Chair, President MCJCC Board of Directors
Gary Daniel, Council Member
Larry Faison, Interim City Manager
Tyree Griffin, Community Center Director
Susan Threlkel, Citizen Member
Victor Foster, Citizen Member
Karen Darity, Citizen Member
Edith Darity, Citizen Member
Nicola Karesh (Joined via Zoom at 7:20 pm)

Staff Present: Aaron Bland, Assistant Planning Director
Denise Hodsdon, Executive Assistant

Guests: Doug Harris

Media: Jonathan Rich, *Transylvania Times*

A. Welcome & Call to Order

Committee Co-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 Mr. Daniel, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Approval of Minutes of October 26, 2021 Meeting

Motion by Mr. Lytle, seconded by Ms. Threlkel to approve the minutes of the October 26,

2021 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

F. NC Civil Rights Trail Sign Ceremony Planning – Aaron Bland

Assistant Planning Director Aaron Bland informed the committee that the City of Brevard applied for, and was awarded, a historical marker sign as part of the North Carolina Civil Rights Trail, a program of the North Carolina African American Heritage Commission. The program aims to physically mark 50 sites critical to the Civil Rights Movement in North Carolina. The City's application was for the 1963 Brevard High School football team, the first integrated high school athletics team in the state. Brevard is the first community in Western North Carolina to be awarded a marker by this program. Planning Staff is working with NCDOT and Brevard High School to pinpoint the exact installation location at the school's main entrance, along the new greenway path on Country Club Road.

Mr. Bland explained that one of the requirements of being awarded this sign is that the community must hold a dedication and unveiling ceremony by the end of November. Mr. Bland asked for the committee's assistance in planning this ceremony (e.g., date and time; list of invitees, and possible speakers). Ms. Edith Darity volunteered to help Mr. Bland with a list of names of people to invite. Mr. Bland said the school is open to whatever would work for us and he will take a look at the school's calendar and come back to the next meeting with some possible dates.

G. MCJCC Building Signage

Doug Harris presented the proposed signage for the community center building. He explained that the plan is for two signs, one on the Carver Street side of the building and one to right of the main entrance. Both signs will be made of flat cut aluminum and the logo and individual letters will be raised ¼-inch from the wall. The colors will be the same as in the MCJCCC logo. The sign at the main entrance will be 5' x 3.5' and will include the entire logo at a cost of \$3,183.81. The sign on the Carver Street side will be 8' x 5' and will only include the letters, at a cost of \$3,700. Mr. Harris noted that the signage has been tentatively approved by the Planning Department and the permit has been applied for, awaiting final approval by City Council. Motion by Mr. Daniel, seconded by Ms. Karen Darity to send the signage proposal to City Council with a recommendation to approve as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

H. MCJCC Fee Schedule

Ms. Threlkel informed the committee that the MCJCC Board of Directors has a concern about the fees approved by City Council and would like to see those fees reduced to make rental more affordable for the community. She said when the Board first began discussing fees, they thought about ways to reduce fees and they believed that the best way to do that is to work from the size of the event. They looked at set up and take down time as well as the risk for damage, and it seemed that the smaller events would usually take less effort and have a lower risk for damage than the larger ones. Their original proposal was to have separate fees for under and over 75 people, with a difference between weekdays and weekends.

Ms. Threlkel said they are hoping to create a Community Lift Fund through the Transylvania Citizens Improvement Organization (TCIO), a separate organization from the MCJCC Board of Directors. This fund would assist low-income families from all over the County in financing the rental fee. The application would be submitted to the Community Center Director for review and recommendation. The Director would then send it to TCIO for final decision and distribution of funds to the City.

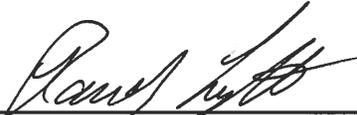
During discussion, members expressed concern that the current fees would exclude some members of the community and they don't want the fees to get in the way of community members being able to use center or make people feel that it doesn't belong to them. They would like to see the fee affordable for everyone across the board. Following further discussion, Mr. Faison recommended that Staff research ideas/options, including income-based fees, reduction of all fees by half or some other percentage, and separate fees for people outside the City, and bring those ideas back to the committee. Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Daniel to move in that direction. The motion carried unanimously.

I. Set Date for Next Meeting

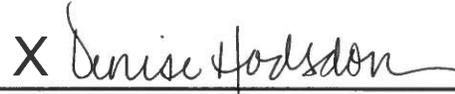
The next meeting of the Rosenwald Community Advisory Board was scheduled for Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 6:00 PM.

J. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.

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Randy Lytle, Co-Chair

Minutes Approved: September 22, 2022

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Denise Hodsdon,
Executive Assistant