

## MINUTES

### Mary C. Jenkins Community Center Task Force

Tuesday, September 22, 2020, 7:00 PM

City Hall Council Chambers

Members Present: Maurice Jones, Chair, Council Member  
Jim Fatland, City Manager  
Randy Lytle, Citizen Member  
Victor Foster, Citizen Member  
Edith Darity, Citizen Member  
Karen Darity, Citizen Member  
Nicola Karesh, Citizen Member

Absent: Gary Daniel, Vice-Chair, Council Member  
David Lutz, Public Works Director  
Susan Threlkel, Citizen Member

Staff Present: Denise Hodsdon, Executive Assistant

Guests: Maureen Copelof, City Council Member  
Geraldine Dinkins, City Council Member  
Chris Yang, Carolina Parks & Play  
Paul Cooper, Resident

#### A. Welcome & Call to Order

Committee Chair Maurice Jones welcomed everyone and 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

Motion by Ms. Karesh, seconded by Mr. Fatland to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

### **E. Approval of Minutes of August 25, 2020 Meeting**

Motion by Ms. Karen Darity, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2020 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

### **F. Silversteen Park Playground Design Discussion**

Mr. Fatland reported that on September 4<sup>th</sup> he and Chris Yang of Carolina Parks & Play toured playgrounds in Asheville, Montford, Waynesville, and Lake Junaluska. Following these site visits, Mr. Fatland selected two cornerstone pieces to present to the committee, together with three options for a third piece. The cornerstone pieces include a 20-foot Alpha Tower with multiple climbing and sliding opportunities and a 66-foot ZipKrooz zip line. Mr. Yang presented the three scenarios ranging in estimated cost from \$112,100 to \$120,420. Following discussion, there was unanimous consent to add an OmniSpin spinner as the third piece of equipment. The estimated cost for the three pieces is \$117,500. Mr. Fatland explained that this equipment would be Phase I and we would follow with additional phases to include a basketball court, picnic shelters, additional playground equipment and splash pad. Mr. Fatland said he will be making a recommendation to City Council at next week's budget workshop to appropriate \$100,000 to Silversteen Playground. He will make recommendation to City Council at their October meeting to approve the purchase of this equipment.

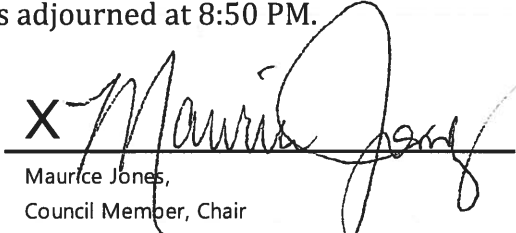
Mr. Jones invited City Council Member Maureen Copelof to talk about fundraising for Silversteen Playground. Ms. Copelof explained that City Council agreed to begin fundraising for the Dog Park and for Silversteen Playground. She said we are trying to do a joint City/Public partnership in both of these projects. She said the City has started some low-level direct solicitation fundraising for Silversteen and we have raised approximately \$7,500 in six weeks. She added there are others who want to donate, but in order to approach some of the bigger funders, we need to have a budget and a phased concept design plan. Ms. Copelof recommended creating a fundraising sub-committee for Silversteen Playground to come up with a strategy and as soon as we have a budget and plan, then we could up our fundraising efforts to the next level.

### **G. Set Date for Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Mary C. Jenkins Community Center Task Force will be on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

### **H. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

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Maurice Jones,  
Council Member, Chair

Minutes Approved: November 17, 2020

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Executive Assistant