

**MONTEVALLO DEVELOPMENT COOPERATIVE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Parnell Memorial Library
Minutes**

**Regular Meeting
January 25, 2016
4:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Dee Woodham, Reed Prince
Staff Present: Regina Ashmore, Chris Hershey, Susan Hayes, Gary Davis
Others Present: Steve Gilbert, Montevallo Chamber of Commerce; Kelli Holmes,
University of Montevallo

The meeting was called to order at 4:07pm by Chairman Woodham.

Ms. Hayes reported the audit was complete. Fiscal year 2015 audit reports are being finalized and will be presented at February 15, 2016 Board meeting.

Mr. Hershey discussed the by-laws with the Board. Mr. Justice had made several notations for changes to working draft. Section 2B, Qualifications would be more accurate if stated “in Shelby County” and in “Montevallo”. The language in #2, Vice Chair should read “serve month of March to end of term”. Mr. Hershey stated the terms could not be staggered based on the incorporation papers. Chairman Woodham stated the University and the city need to take the necessary steps to appoint the appropriate liaison for the upcoming term, as the County has already taken steps to reappoint Mr. Prince for another term.

Chairman Woodham notified the Board the February meeting was rescheduled to February 15th at 4:00 pm in the Parnell Room to accommodate the auditor’s schedule. They will present the current report on that date.

Chairman Woodham asked about handicap parking at the bookstore. Prior to leasing the Coach Company Building, the bookstore utilized that parking lot for handicap access. The Board may need to obtain an agreement between tenants to maintain this use. Chairman Woodham tabled the issue until the board received input from Ms. Smith.

Chairman Woodham stated the Main Street plans are being finalized. Temporary construction agreements are being obtained. Mr. Anderson is the only one outstanding. The water and sewer board plans are almost final. Mr. Gauntt is currently working with ALDOT to submit for attorney general’s opinion on Alabama Power’s refusal to relocate six power poles from North Boundary Street to Jack’s restaurant. They are in conflict with the proposed storm drain pipe and sidewalk. The plan is to proceed as if we will have to reimburse the cost of this relocation, \$41,000- If a favorable opinion is granted, the work will proceed with a non-reimbursable relocation with Alabama Power. After the bid work could begin within two months.

Chairman Woodham stated the Montevallo Community Track lighting project is complete. The street sign replacement project is 98% complete. The railing for the Coach Company building is scheduled to be installed in 2 weeks. Mr. Prince stated he planned on lighting the patio cover. Mr. Gilbert stated the traffic volume had increased at the Main Street Tavern.

Chairman Woodham stated the dead plants along the Promenade are being replaced by TrueGreen. The city of Montevallo will take care of the new plants.

Mr. Gilbert addressed the Board with a proposal for the University of Montevallo on Main building front grounds. There will be a historical mural painted on the wall of the building next door. It will depict the history of downtown at the turn of the century. The maintenance of the mural will be tied to the property in perpetuity. 2017 will be the 200th anniversary for the city. Mr. Gilbert proposes the green space possibly be named Heritage Park or heritage area. He suggested old brick from the Jeter building be used for the stone work in the park area. The general area has several erosion issues that need to be addressed. He proposed walkways and concrete cutout areas to create more green space. He would like to bring in elements for an entertainment district. Perhaps the music department could hold recitals or concerts there. The arts department could produce a play, perhaps an art display. He stated Walker's alley is an eyesore and needs attention. It is not being used currently. He would like to see a stage area constructed with composite decking for longevity with the supports constructed of Jeter building salvaged brick. The stage would be three to five feet above curb level. There would be no equipment installed except electrical outlets. He stated there isn't any landscaping in place at the moment. Chairman Woodham stated the area would need to be shaded to draw people in. Mr. Gilbert stated shade would have to be considered thoroughly not to detract from the mural. Chairman Woodham suggested the University be consulted about future plans for the area. She would like to see a committee created to move forward on the implementation of developing the green space. Mr. Gilbert stated he would love for the area to be a major focal point for visitors and locals. There is lots of discussions about local artisans, he felt confident the Arts Council would support this type project. Mr. Gilbert thanked the Board for allowing him the time to propose his ideas about the green space.

Mr. Prince made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 23rd meeting. The motion was seconded by Chairman Woodham. The motion was approved by all with a two to zero vote.

Mr. Prince made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Chairman Woodham. The motion was approved by all with a two to zero vote.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 4:39 pm.