

MONTEVALLO DEVELOPMENT COOPERATIVE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Parnell Memorial Library
November 25, 2013
4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Dee Woodham, Deanna Smith, Reed Prince
Staff Present: Susan Hayes, Regina Ashmore, Chris Hershey, David Hunke,
Others Present: Martin Reed (Birmingham News), Chuck Kelley (Kelley Landscape
Architects)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Woodham at approximately 3:58 p.m.

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the **minutes** of October 28, 2013 meeting. Mr. Prince seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Woodham, Ms. Smith and Mr. Prince voting in favor.

Mr. Prince provided an update on **Stephen's Park** renovations. The lower roof, decking, and rafters that needed replacing are in progress. The restrooms should be on next week's schedule. Mr. Prince will contact Mayor Cost about lockers for the locker room area. Mr. Prince also stated they intend to paint the building and possibly do some electrical work.

Mr. Kelley joined the meeting and stated that the Middle School **Stephens Park** baseball field drawings had been forwarded to Mr. Gauntt for review. The beautification contract will be put out to bid in the spring. The intermural fields are currently being worked on.

Ms. Smith stated that the **Softball Fields** came in over budget. The critical items totaled \$538,000 excluding bleachers, brick dugouts, and storage buildings. The MDCD had budgeted \$325,000. Both UM and Shelby County are working to fund the gap. The critical items included concrete backstops, slabs, materials, netting, padding, etc. and those items will be funded in Phase I of the project. After funding is secured, Phase II is expected to be implemented next fall. The UM is expected to have \$100,000 once fall registration closes which should fund the gap. The Phase II improvements are estimated to cost \$164,500 (includes brick façade on the dug outs, pathway lighting, and other improvements).

Chairman Woodham asked for an update on **Orr Park**. Mr. Prince will check with Mr. Cook. He had nothing to report.

Ms. Smith stated that UM hired a **Softball Coach** from Dartmouth University. The University received 40 interest forms from students. The coach attended orientation on November 25th and will be conducting two recruiting trips immediately.

Ms. Smith stated that the university owned additional property near the **track facility**. They are in the process of securing access from Public Safety. This parcel was intended to be used for shot put and javelin events.

Mr. Hunke stated that the Board should hear from the **Community Grant Foundation** by the next meeting (before year end).

Mr. Kelley discussed **branding options** with the Board. The Montevallo City Council preferred concept C. Option A was the second choice followed by Option B. (Option A is an open “M” in a circle, Option B is a lower case “m” sitting sideways, and Option C is a Palladian window over an uppercase “M”) The Board unanimously preferred Option C with a more substantial “M”. Mr. Kelley stated that the implications of the logo could be far reaching. Once adopted it could be used for letterhead, hats, cards, and many other ways. Mr. Hershey made a comment that the Board should consider the UM and City’s current logo/branding as to not infringe on existing copyright or branding already in place. Mr. Hunke commented that if the Board chose the Option B, then M&M’s brand candies could be used as an advertising tool.

Chairman Woodham asked if it was possible for the **Coach Company Building** to have a Palladian window installed since the windows needed to be replaced to tie into the branding logo.

Chairman Woodham informed the Board that **Ms. Mahler** would be gifting the City of Montevallo with her property. The announcement will be made at the Montevallo City Council meeting immediately following this Board meeting with the paperwork being signed on Tuesday, November 26th. She owns 160 to 170 acres on both sides of State Route 119 at the Shoal Creek bridge. The property has two barns and a house built in the 1830s. She would prefer the land to be used as a park. She suggested perhaps naming it Shoal Creek Park. Chairman Woodham thought perhaps the house could be used as a museum or welcome center. She also stated the city could relocate City Hall or the Chamber of Commerce to the site. It is a great location and would allow possible connecting walking trails with the existing bridge tunneling under State Route 119. It was originally called the Perry House, built in 1820s or 1830s. Ms. Mahler will also be leaving some antique furniture that was original to the house when her family purchased in the 1940s.

Chairman Woodham made a motion to enter an **executive session**. Mr. Hunke asked the estimated time be addressed in the motion. Chairman Woodham amended her motion to enter executive session to discuss negotiations concerning the lease of real property estimated to time of approximately 30 minutes then return to the regular meeting to adjourn without taking any actions. Mr. Prince seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Woodham, Ms. Smith and Mr. Prince voting in favor.

Mr. Prince made a motion to adjourn. Chairman Woodham seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Woodham, Ms. Smith and Mr. Prince voting in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.