## MONTEVALLO DEVELOPMENT COOPERATIVE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Montevallo City Hall Minutes

> Regular Meeting July 15, 2024 1:00 p.m.

Members Present: Trey Gauntt, Sonya Swords, Mark Richard Staff Present: Regina Ashmore; Susan Hayes (Zoom)

Others Present: Steve Gilbert, City of Montevallo; Cheryl Patton, Shoal Creek Park

Foundation; Shane Baugh

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 pm by Chairman Swords. Chairman Swords, Mr. Richard and Mr. Gauntt were in attendance creating a quorum. A notice for this meeting was posted on June 11, 2024.

Mr. Richard made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2024 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gauntt. The motion was approved by a vote of three (3-0), with Chairman Swords, Mr. Richard and Mr. Gauntt voting in favor.

Ms. Patton a member of the Shoal Creek Park Foundation Board addressed the Board about the development of the Shoal Creek Park property on the east side of Hwy 119. The SCPF does not support development of this property to include things like athletic fields or a recreation center, as it does not follow the purpose of the bequest to maintain a nature preserve area. The Board discussed some of the potential uses for the land such as the previous abandoned submittal for a hydroponics site and agreed to research the city council minutes for established development plans and any applicable restrictions. She further requested the SCPF be included in future development discussions for the park grounds. Mr. Gauntt stated the Board does not make decisions on how City land or other assets will be used or developed but stands ready to assist the City with any project that is approved by the City and submitted to the board for consideration. Any concerns related to any proposed development of this type should be expressed to the City Council for consideration.

Discussions continued concerning the walking trails and the needs for a barrier free hard surface walking trail. Ms. Patton informed the Board that the SCPF is working to raise \$52,000 for preservation of the cemetery grounds and stated a barrier free walking trail in the general location would be most helpful. Mr. Gauntt stated the current cost estimate for a direct path from the parking lot to the cemetery loop path is estimated at \$30,000, for a path from the parking lot along the creek to the northern bridge with a segment over to the cemetery is estimated at \$38,000. The route along the creek could possibly be the first of several phases to create a larger loop trail between the two existing bridges. He further suggested the city consider installing gravel pathways now and install a hard surface like asphalt or concrete later that would be more sustainable and require less maintenance.

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Mr. Gilbert stated the Highway 25 Sidewalk Project obtained an additional fourteen-item punch from ALDOT including cracks, sinking, and rough edges with a fourteen-day deadline, which will completely close the project upon completion.

A draft soil management plan and covenants have been submitted for ADEM signature and the partner agreement is ready for city council consideration in August. The demolition quote received did not include security fencing and Mr. Gauntt stated he would contact the contractor for an amended quote. He also suggested the contractor include sloping backfill once removed to prevent a safety hazard along Main Street with a large drop off.

The Crossroads project is waiting on right of way approval from ALDOT. There are discussions about narrowing the existing access points to the intersection for the existing businesses and property owners to prevent cutting corners and avoiding the traffic signal. If ALDOT enforces this change, it will help the city with required land acquisitions.

The contractor is scheduled to start the tennis courts this week but the city has been unable to contact him. The nets were removed in preparation of the work.

The Board discussed the power bill for the lighting on Main Street. Ms. Hayes transferred the account to the city June 13 and is expecting a final bill.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Monday, August 12, 2024 at 1:00 pm in the Council Chambers at Montevallo City Hall. The Zoom login will be provided for the meeting.

There being no further business, Chairman Swords made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richard. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of three (3-0), with Mr. Gauntt, Mr. Richard and Chairman Swords voting in favor, the regular meeting of July 15, 2024 was adjourned at 1:40 pm.

Regina Ashmore Sonya Swords
Recording Secretary Montevallo Development Cooperative District