MEETING NOTES – FOR INFORMATION ONLY
(No Quorum Present, Listening Session Only)

Rosenwald Community Advisory Board

Thursday, November 21, 2024 - 6:00 PM
Mary C. Jenkins Community & Cultural Center

Members Present:	Pamela Holder, Co-Chair, Council Member Victor Foster, Citizen Member Ella Jones, Citizen Member Rebecca Wynn, Citizen Member
	Members Absent: Randy Lytle, Co-Chair Gary Daniel, Council Member Susan Threlkel, Citizen Member Edith Darity, Citizen Member
Staff Present:	Wilson Hooper, City Manager Tyree Griffin, Community Center Director Selena Coffey, Assistant to the City Manager
Guests:	Destini Petitt, Silversteen Park Signage Project David White, WNC Source

A. Welcome & Call to Order

Co-Chair Pamela Holder welcomed everyone at 6:00pm.

B. Invocation

Mr. Lytle offered an invocation.

C. Certification of Quorum

Assistant to the City Manager Selena Coffey noted that a quorum of members was not present and no action could be taken. The meeting continued as a listening session to hear from the invited presenters.

D. Approval of Agenda

With no quorum, there was no approval for and no changes to the agenda.

E. Approval of Minutes from October 17, 2024.

Minutes could not be approved due to lack of quorum. Minutes will be added to the next agenda for approval.

F. Silversteen Park Educational Signage Project

Co-Chair Holder introduced Destini Petitt, who introduced an educational signage project proposed for Silversteen Park. Ms. Petitt, who teaches at Brevard College, is pursuing this community partnership project as a prerequisite for receiving her North Carolina Environmental Educators Certification. This signage would educate the public about the history of the park, the stream restoration project, and different wildlife and plants found in the park. This would include at least two signs within the park. Ms. Petitt shared photo examples of the signage and asked for Board input.

Board members asked questions and shared their input favoring the signage. Members were particularly interested in ensuring that the history of the park was included on the signs in addition to the nature aspects of the park. There was discussion about Bethel A Baptist Church's donation of the property and members were interested in ensuring that this was included in the signage. Ms. Petitt noted that she plans for the signs to be purchased with a grant from the North Carolina Environmental Education Program and the City would only be responsible for future maintenance. Ms. Petitt shared that she hopes to have the signs installed in the calendar year 2025. Mr. Hooper shared with Ms. Petitt that City Council will need to approve the signage content and placement before moving forward.

Ms. Coffey shared with the group that approval would need to be added to a future agenda because there was not a quorum at this meeting.

G. WNC Source Feedback

Mr. Hooper introduced this agenda item and Mr. David White, CEO for WNC Source Community Services. Mr. Hooper shared that he and Mayor Copelof had met with Mr. White regarding the English property and wanted the Rosenwald Community Advisory Board's input before moving forward with WNC Source's plans.

Mr. White provided background regarding the English property from the 1990s and the work completed by WNC Source to include the childcare center, English Hills, and English House. He then asked for input from the members regarding English Hills, and the childcare center. Members provided positive comments about the English Hills development.

Mr. White noted that WNC Source wishes to add 100-115 additional housing units in English Hills and to replace the childcare center with a new facility. Members asked a variety of questions regarding the affordability of the proposed new housing units and how the last funding was used. Mr. White noted that the additional housing would be mixed-income housing and he would look into the specifics on how the funding had been allocated previously.

Mr. White then asked what type of architectural styles the Board members would like to see built. Mr. Holder suggested that the new units not be more than two stories and that the architecture should match the current units. Other members provided general agreement.

Mr. White noted that there will be more opportunities for input on the project and WNC Source hopes to break ground on the project in the next 2-3 years.

H. Set Date for Next Meeting

Those in attendance suggested that the December meeting be cancelled, meaning the Board would meet next on Thursday, January 16, 2025 at 6:00p.m. at the Mary C. Jenkins Community & Cultural Center.

I. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 6:50p.m.

Minutes Approved: February 20, 2025

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Pamela Holder
Co-Chair

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Selena Coffey
Assistant to the City Manager