MINUTES
Rosenwald Community Advisory Board

Thursday, May 21, 2026 – 6:00pm
Mary C. Jenkins Community Center

Members Present:	Pamela Holder, Co-Chair, Council Member Gary Daniel, Council Member Edith Darity, MCJCC Board Member (via phone) Karen Darity, MCJCC Board Appointment Ella Jones, Citizen Member Victor Foster, MCJCC Board Appointment Morgan Monshaugen, Citizen Member Mayor Maureen Copelof, Ex-Officio
Members Absent:	Randy Lytle, Co-Chair, MCJCC Board Member
Staff Present:	Wilson Hooper, City Manager Shawnee Cummings, Assistant to the City Manager
Media:	Jonathan Rich

A. Welcome & Call to Order

Board Co-Chair and Council Member Pamela Holder called the meeting to order at 5:59pm.

B. Certification of Quorum

Assistant to the City Manager, Shawnee Cummings, certified that a quorum was present.

C. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Foster moved, seconded by Ms. Jones to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Approval of Minutes – January 15, 2026 Meeting Minutes and March 19, 2026 Session Notes

Mr. Foster moved, seconded by Mr. Daniel to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2026 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Daniel moved, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve the session notes of the March 19, 2026 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Update on the Silversteen Picnic Shelter

Mayor Copelof stated that she, Ms. Holder, Mr. Lytle, and Mr. Ray met with the architect designing the picnic shelter and visited the site. The next step is to have the flood engineer run a flood model to see if the structure would affect the flow of water during a flood. If the flood engineer approves of the proposed design, the architect should be able to finish the designs rather quickly. Once design is complete, it will be brought to the Committee for approval. Mayor Copelof explained that we only have a $45,000 donation for design, but once design is complete, we will have a cost estimate that will enable the City to apply for external funding. Mr. Hooper added that the flood calculations will account for the larger culvert being installed at Hillview Circle.

Ms. Holder asked if there is an update on Hillview Culvert. Mr. Hooper said the work should start in the next month. Council approved the low bidder, all documentation has been submitted to the State, and FEMA has agreed to reimburse the cost to the City. We are waiting on a Notice to Proceed from the other regulatory agencies involved and once received, the contractor should be able to mobilize relatively quickly. The work should be completed in about 3 months. Mr. Hooper added that he is not sure which side they will start on, but only one road, either Mills Ave. or Cashiers Valley Rd., will be closed at one time. Mayor Copelof said they will have additional information for the June 11th information session to be held at MCJCCC.

F. Juneteenth Preparations

Mayor Copelof said as part of the discussion of Juneteenth, she would like to discuss which part of Juneteenth she should invite the donor to. She expressed that she would like the donor, who gave $45,000 for the Silversteen Picnic Shelter design, to attend so he can see the area being used. She needs to confirm he will be in town that weekend, but she is looking for input on what would be best. Mr. Foster said if the donor is not in town, they have a Juneteenth page on the MCJCCC website with photos from all 3 days of last year's celebration and a video from the videographer.

Ms. Karen Darity passed out a preliminary flier that detailed the schedule for Juneteenth weekend. Friday the 19th will have historical trolley tours, a seafood dinner, and a guest speaker at MCJCCC. The speaker, Dr. Dionne Hoskins-Brown, works with NOAA and is coming from Savannah, GA. Saturday the 20th will include historical trolley tours, live music, an African drum circle led by Adama Dembele, John R. Hayes High Steppin' Majorette & Drum Corp performances, a duck derby, food trucks, a slushie truck, bingo, games, and vendors. Sunday the 21st will include a joint worship service at MCJCCC, choir, and a dinner. Ms. Karen Darity stated that Saturday will be the biggest day to see the park in use, primarily from 12-6pm.

As it relates to the tents, Ms. Karen Darity said she talked with the tent company and they will pick up the tents on Saturday evening after activities have concluded for the day at 6pm. She said the basketball court will be free on Sunday for anyone to use. Mayor Copelof asked if we want the tent on the basketball court on Saturday.

Mr. Foster said it allows people to be closer to the music and would not require them to rent a stage. He added that two years ago, the tent was not on the basketball court and they received feedback that it was not as convenient, and the tables and chairs were less stable in the grass. Ms. Karen Darity also said there are small trees planted in the green space on the playground, so there is no other space for a tent.

Ms. Holder asked if kids will not be allowed to play on the court on Friday and Saturday due to the tent. Mr. Foster said last year, kids still played on the court under the tent. Ms. Holder asked if there is a possibility of injury. Mr. Foster said there is a risk of injury regardless of where the tent is placed. Ms. Holder asked who would be responsible in the case of an injury. Mr. Foster asked if she meant if kids are playing on the court after hours. Ms. Holder said yes. Mr. Foster said it is the same as if a kid got hurt on the court and there were no tents.

Ms. Holder said if they are renting the grounds for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, then it really is not open to the public, and asked if that is correct. Committee members and Staff said that the park is not really being reserved, but Mr. Foster clarified by saying that the tent is being set up on Friday because that is the tent company's hours to put the tent in and so the tents are set up to be used on Saturday. Ms. Holder asked how much it costs to have the tent company pick up the tent early. Ms. Karen Darity said the fee for an early pickup was about $200.

Mr. Hooper said the flier looks great and he's excited. Mr. Foster said they are trying to expand Juneteenth more each year and incorporate the feedback they receive.

Mr. Hooper asked who the speakers are on the historical trolley tours. Ms. Karen Darity said that Nicola Karesh will be narrating on the trolley. There will be 14 stops, including each Black church and Cooper's Cemetery. Ms. Holder asked if someone will need to be present at the church during the trolley tours. Mr. Foster said that is something they need to talk to the pastors about, but they are working on it because they want the history to be given accurately. Ms. Holder said maybe she will have a handout with historical facts for Bethel A Baptist Church.

Ms. Karen Darity said vendors will have a table and tent on the concrete path by the playground. They will only be accepting 20 vendors, and they currently have 12. Each vendor will have the space in front of and behind their table and they can set up whatever they like in that designated space. Ms. Holder asked if Rise and Shine will have a table. Ms. Karen Darity said they are not sure yet, as they currently do not need any more scholars but they do need more volunteers. Ms. Holder said Juneteenth would be a good place to get volunteers. Ms. Karen Darity said she needs to have another conversation with them now that the school year has ended.

Committee Comments

Mr. Hooper asked Mr. Monshaugen about Housing Assistance Corporation's (HAC) signs near the property in Rosenwald. Mr. Monshaugen said HAC has preliminary

plans and there are some revisions needed. He added that they will be breaking ground soon and it will include 11 single-family homes and a dozen town homes.

Mr. Hooper also asked Mr. Monshaugen about the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) and getting assistance from nonprofits. He said they talked about it at the FWRD Transylvania Committee meeting a couple weeks ago and after the meeting, a constituent called and said they have applied for HMGP to elevate their house. She said that the timeline has been pushed out several years and she has a case file with FWRD Transylvania, who has tried to connect her with nonprofits. She claims the nonprofits she has connected with have told her that she needs to get rejected by FEMA first before she can qualify for assistance from a nonprofit. Mr. Monshaugen said yes, but he would recommend that she apply to as many organizations as possible. He added that if she does get rejected or FEMA does not follow through, then she will be on the list and ready to be served by other organizations.

Ms. Karen Darity said Joyce and Mick, of FWRD Transylvania, will be at Juneteenth, will have a table set up, and will hold a meeting at MCJCCC to talk to people about the resources they provide. Mr. Monshaugen said there is a shortage of applicants for FWRD Transylvania and HAC, so anyone who needs assistance should apply.

G. Public Comment

No members of the public spoke during public comment.

H. Set Date for Next Meeting

The Committee agreed to cancel the next meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 18, 2026 at 6:00pm. The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, July 16, 2026 at 6:00pm at the Mary C. Jenkins Community Center.

I. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm.

Minutes Approved: August 20, 2026

X Pamela Holder

Pamela Holder, Co-Chair, City Council Member
Randy Lytle, Co-Chair, MCJCC Member

X Shawnee A. Cummings

Shawnee Cummings
Assistant to the City Manager