

City of Montgomery
Governmental Affairs Committee Minutes
December 9, 2019

Present

Brian Riblet, City Manager
Tracy Roblero, Assistant City Manager
Matthew Vanderhorst, Comm. and Information Services Dir.
Connie Gaylor, Clerk of Council

City Council Committee Members Present

Gerri Harbison, Chair
Craig Margolis
Lynda Roesch

Guests Present

Stacey Lawrence
Kiri Basher
Steve Silverman
Roberto Rivera

The Governmental Affairs Committee of Council convened in Council Chambers at 4:30 p.m. with Mrs. Harbison presiding.

Update on Street Names for the Montgomery Quarter

Mr. Riblet explained that at the November 11 Government Affairs meeting an original list of proposed street names was presented for review. He stated that based on feedback a revised list was included in the packet for consideration. He stated that staff would like to receive feedback and narrow the list to solidify a theme and names.

Mr. Riblet reported that he received an email from a resident indicating their suggestion of Neuilly-Plaisance Way. He added that Mr. Silverman placed a survey on Nextdoor.com which yielded some feedback most of which was negative or sarcastic in nature.

The Committee and staff reviewed the following revised list as shown below.

Historic	French	Location-based
Blair Street	Beaumont Boulevard	Heritage Lane
Roosa Street	Grand Avenue	Gateway Boulevard
Mill Street	Lafayette Street	
Cameron Lane	Eiffel Place	
Crist Avenue	Cathedral Lane	
Patmore Street	Royale Street	
Continental Crossing	Chateau Lane	

Ayers Avenue	Canal Street	
Bicentennial Place	St. Charles Avenue	

Mr. Margolis stated that of the Historic category he liked the names: Roosa, Cameron, Patmore and Ayers. He stated that out of the French category he liked the names Lafayette.

Ms. Roesch stated that she preferred the French names but didn't mind adding in historic names either. She asked how many streets there were to name.

Ms. Roblero replied there were four including the main drive.

Ms. Roblero stated she preferred historic names.

Mr. Riblet replied that the over staff choice was in favor of French names.

Mrs. Harbison stated that she would remove Bicentennial Place as there is a street named that in the Reserve subdivision.

Mr. Vanderhorst stated that Grand Avenue is the only French name he liked.

Ms. Roblero explained that staff considered the street names in Neuilly-Plaisance and also the French Quarter in New Orleans.

Mrs. Harbison suggested removing Cathedral Lane as it had a religious connotation to it.

Ms. Roesch suggested removing Eiffel Place.

Mr. Margolis suggested removing Canal Street.

Mrs. Harbison suggested researching Beaumont boulevard to ensure there were no historical issues to be concerned with.

Mr. Margolis stated that of the Historic names he would choose Roosa, Cameron, Crist and Ayers. He added that he would choose the French names of Beaumont, Grand and Lafayette.

Ms. Roesch stated that of the French names she would choose Beaumont, Grand and Lafayette. She added that she would choose the Historic names of Crist and Roosa.

Mrs. Harbison stated that she didn't like Continental Crossing, but she was good with all the others including the options that Mr. Margolis and Ms. Roesch stated.

Update on Community Leadership Forum Agenda Topics

Mr. Riblet explained that at the November 11 meeting the agenda topics for the Community Leadership Forum were discussed. He stated that the schools have confirmed their participation as

well as the City's Fire Chief to discuss post-levy updates and to introduce new fire department staff. He stated that if Carol Gorley presented on the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce's Buy Local campaign that the agenda would be full.

Mr. Vanderhorst requested confirmation of the forum start and end times. It was confirmed that it would begin at 9:00 and end at 11:00 a.m.

The Committee members discussed the topics.

Mrs. Harbison stated that the suggested topics of the School Levy, Fire Department Levy and the Buy Local campaign were all fine.

Steve Silverman, 7504 Golf Green Drive- Mr. Silverman asked who is invited to the Forum.

Mr. Vanderhorst replied all Boards and Commission members, MCLA alumni, and Neighborhood Leaders.

Other Business

Ms. Roesch stated that there were several reappointments for the Beautification and Tree and Parks and Recreation Commissions. Ms. Roesch made a motion to reappoint the following members:

Jhirley Freedman to the Beautification and Tree Commission for a term expiring 1/31/2023
Darla Hall to the Beautification and Tree Commission for a term expiring 1/31/2023
Tammy Moore to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term expiring 1/31/2023
Ben Linser to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term expiring 1/31/2023

Mr. Margolis seconded the motion to reappoint all the aforementioned commission members. The Committee unanimously agreed.

Mr. Riblet commented on how tremendous the Holiday in the Village was on December 7. He gave kudos to the staff and Mayor for making it such a great event.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Margolis moved to approve the November 11, 2019 Government Affairs Committee minutes as amended. Ms. Roesch seconded. The Committee unanimously agreed.

Adjournment

Mr. Margolis moved for adjournment. Ms. Roesch seconded. The Governmental Affairs Committee of Council meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.


Chair