

City of Montgomery  
Governmental Affairs Committee Minutes  
November 11, 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

City Council Committee Members Absent

Lynda Roesch

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

Guests and Residents

Steve Silverman, 7504 Golf Green Drive-Mr. Silverman, as a resident, made a recommendation that the Holiday at the Uni concert be placed on the website right away.

Staff reported that the program was currently being added and registration for the December 15 concert would be available soon.

Discussion of Street Names for the Montgomery Quarter

Mr. Riblet explained that staff has worked to provide potential names for the streets within the Montgomery Quarter Development for the Committees review and feedback. He stated that staff focused on three themes including: Historic, French and Location-based names as indicated below.

Historic	French	Location-based
Blair Street	Beaumont Boulevard	Heritage Lane
Roosa Street	Grand Avenue	Gateway Boulevard
Mill Street	Lafayette Street	Meridian Street
Nathaniel's Lane	Plaisance Place	Pike Street
Patmore Street	Royale Street	Park Place
	St. Charles Avenue	

Mr. Margolis stated that because of the history of the City, he preferred the historic street names.

Mrs. Harbison stated that she liked the names Mill Street and Roosa Street in the Historic category. In the French category, she liked the name Beaumont Boulevard. In the Location-based category she liked the Gateway Boulevard but felt it could take away from the Montgomery Quarter names and reference the former Gateway Redevelopment Area name.

Mrs. Harbison stated that Ms. Roesch had relayed to her that she liked the French and Historic names. Ms. Roesch had stated that she felt Plaisance Place could be confusing with Neuilly-Plaisance Plaza and that there is a Nathaniel's Hollow in the Terwilliger Run Subdivision so Nathaniel's Lane could get confused with that.

Mr. Margolis stated that maybe this topic could be featured at the Community Leadership Forum to see if there were other names that should be memorialized.

Mr. Riblet stated that it appears the preference is for the historic names with a sprinkle of French options. He explained that staff would remove the location-based names but leave the Gateway Boulevard names included for further review. He stated that staff would bring a new list back to the Committee for review and possible presentation to the full Council.

Steve Silverman, 7504 Golf Green-Mr. Silverman recommended, as a resident, that the Montgomery Quarter name be trademarked.

Mr. Riblet responded that it has been.

Mr. Silverman asked if the Community had suggestions on street names for the Montgomery Quarter, who would they send those to.

Mr. Riblet replied they could be sent to Mr. Vanderhorst for ultimate review by the Government Affairs Committee.

#### Discussion of the Community Leadership Forum Agenda Topics

Mr. Vanderhorst stated that with the Community Leadership Forum coming up in February that staff is looking for new ideas for topics that have not been presented before.

Mr. Margolis suggested roundabout etiquette.

Mr. Riblet stated that in the past, the pattern has been to provide updates on the Strategic Plan, GRA and Housing. He added that for the last two years the focus was on the branding campaign and the fire levy.

Mr. Vanderhorst discussed the timing of the current strategic plan and when the next resident survey would be conducted, which would be an idea for a future topic.

Mr. Margolis suggested that since we are nearing the end of the Strategic Plan that maybe we should provide a brief update.

Mr. Riblet suggested the timing of the phases of the roundabout and the accomplishments of the Diversity Committee.

Mrs. Harbison suggested that Mr. Riblet present on the Diversity Committee achievements, what's coming, what's been done.

Mr. Margolis suggested an update from the Chamber of Commerce regarding the Buying Local Campaign.

Mrs. Harbison confirmed that the time had been changed to 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. with no food being served, only beverages. The Committee and staff decided on allotting 15 minutes per topic in order to allow time for questions at the end of the presentations.

Mr. Riblet stated that he would follow up with Frank Forsthoefel with Sycamore Schools to see if he would like to provide an update on the Schools since the passage of the latest school levy.

Mr. Margolis added that it would be nice to have an update from the Fire Department since the fire levy.

Mr. Riblet stated that staff would take their comments and bring back a revised list to the December Committee meeting.

Mrs. Harbison added to Mr. Margolis's comments that it would be nice to all have the personnel who have been hired fulltime as a result of the passage of the fire levy there to be introduced as evidence that the levy funds are being used as intended.

Steve Silverman, 7504 Golf Green Drive- Mr. Silverman, as a resident, recommended that Chief Wright not only introduce the new staff but be considered as the moderator for the entire program. He feels that Chief Wright is a good speaker.

#### Discussion of Reappointments to the Arts and Sister Cities Commissions

Mrs. Harbison stated that according to the correspondence presented by DeAnna Gross, Volunteer Coordinator that the following Boards and Commission members were seeking reappointment for another term and the Committee would need to pass a motion to continue their terms through January 31, 2023.

- Matt Debevec, Arts Commission
- Rosie Ritchie, Arts Commission
- Jody Ballah, Sister Cities Commission
- Dina Schmid, Sister Cities Commission
- Jack Wild, Sister Cities Commission

Mrs. Harbison reported that all members were good contributors to their Commissions and felt they should be reappointed.

Mr. Margolis made a motion to reappoint all the stated members to their respective Commissions for terms to expire on January 31, 2023. Mrs. Harbison seconded. The Committee unanimously approved.

#### Other Business

There was no other business to discuss

#### Approval of Minutes

Mr. Margolis moved to approve the October 14, 2019 Government Affairs Committee minutes as amended. Mrs. Harbison seconded. The Committee unanimously agreed.

Adjournment

Mr. Margolis moved for adjournment. Mrs. Harbison seconded. The Governmental Affairs Committee of Council meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

  
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Chair