

## MCDAB Board Minutes

March 9, 2021

### Members Present:

Jennessa Crosswy, Tracy Slaughter-Bailey, Dawson Brown, Diana Jean, Matt McClellan, Gene Graham, Joey Cook, Jenny Evers and Maura Wroblewski. Member absent: Amy Patterson. Jennessa called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm. Jennessa asked for a volunteer to take the minutes in Amy's absence and Maura volunteered. The February meeting Minutes were approved with no corrections. Maura will forward them to the City Clerk's office to be added to the MCDAB Home Page on the City website.

Maura gave a Staples/MCDAB partnership update. On February 22, Maura delivered a check for \$910 to Staples in Madison to be used for 91 Safety Care bags for Madison City School's Specialty Education teachers. The bags included a roll of paper towels, a spray bottle of disinfectant spray and a box of latex gloves to be used for their classroom. Staples reduced the cost of these goods so that MCDAB would only have to pay \$10 per bag. Staples also added a \$10 off any \$20 purchase coupon for the teachers to use at their discretion. Tracy sent an email to the teachers asking them to pick up their bag between now and the end of spring break.

Maura presented the Commemorative City Coin to Willard Brooks in grateful appreciation of his many years of serving on the MCDAB Board at the March 8<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. She will send out the link to the zoom meeting so that those who were not able to see the presentation will be able to do so.

Diana reported that she went to the monthly Parks and Recreation meeting and greatly enjoyed it. She said they discussed the five year plan and that she found it very informative.

Matt gave an update of the Kid's Kingdom renovation project. He shared that Savannah Loudin would like to also be involved. City Administrator Steve Smith had given Matt her contact information. Matt and Jennessa said they would stay in touch with her as the project moves forward.

There was no Treasurer's Report due to Dawson not having access to the bank account. Jennessa will add Dawson back on to the bank account by the time we have our April meeting.

Diana gave an update on Making Waves. With Governor Ivey lifting the mask ordinance on April 9<sup>th</sup> we hope to start back on the second Saturday of each month. Diana will email Hogan Family YMCA Executive Director Daniel Kassimbera to see if we can start back? When we are able to start back, we would like to request that both sides of the pool be open: the splash pad for young children and the slide for older children and adults.

Norma Pederson with Making Connections is coordinating a Drive thru Easter Egg Hunt at Hayes Nature Preserve on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 2:30. The drive thru will be limited to 144 participants who will register online. ASA (Autism Society of America) has not been able to do fundraisers during this time of Covid. Jenny motioned and Gene seconded that we budget up to \$400 to support their Easter bags of sensory friendly items. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennessa introduced discussion on resuming our Annual Fishing Rodeo. Since this event is held outside social distancing will be easy to accomplish. Jennessa will contact Kory about fishing pole and bait availability. She has trophies and medals that can be given to participants. She will send an email how many she has, letting us know if she has enough or we need to buy more. We will provide snacks and drinks that will abide by Covid guidelines. The tentative day is Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup> which is Memorial Day weekend. Jennessa will confirm with Kory if this date is available to use the pond.

Jennessa announced that our date to present our appropriation request is June 14<sup>th</sup> and she asked the Mayor's Office if we could be placed on a waiting list for any cancellations. Due to upcoming expenses with the Easter Egg Hunt and Fishing Rodeo, Maura will follow up and see if the presentation can be made at an earlier than June.

Dawson spoke about MCDAB hosting a golf tournament in support of the Kid's Kingdom renovation. Maura will check with the City (Mayor's Office and Legal Department) about formalities and details we would need to abide by. MVP has a separate bank account for the Kid's Kingdom renovation and expenses and income would be funded through that account. Dawson motioned and Matt seconded that we pursue hosting the golf tournament pending City approval. The motion passed unanimously.

Matt and Kory had a meeting with two companies the City is considering for the renovation project, GameTime and Kompan. One of the next tasks for the project is to have a survey of parents and children with their opinion of equipment, design and amenities. Matt will continue to keep everyone informed of the project as it moves along.

Our meetings will continue to be held via zoom for at least the months of April and May. This is due to both Covid and that we have had excellent participation via the virtual format. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:50.

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Maura Wroblewski for

Secretary Amy Patterson