

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

AUGUST 27, 2007

12:00 P.M.

FAYETTEVILLE MUSEUM OF ART, 839 STAMPER ROAD

Present: Mayor Anthony G. Chavonne
Council Members Keith A. Bates, Sr. (District 1); Charles E. Evans (District 2); Robert A. Massey, Jr. (District 3); Darrell J. Haire (District 4); Lois A. Kirby (District 5); Curtis Worthy (District 7); Juanita Gonzalez (District 8); Wesley A. Meredith (District 9)

Absent: Council Member Paul Williams (District 6)

Others Present: Dale E. Iman, City Manager

Doug Hewett, Assistant City Manager

Karen M. McDonald, City Attorney

Candice White, City Clerk

Meno Pennick, Fayetteville Museum of Art Board of Trustees President

Members of the Fayetteville Museum of Art Board of Trustees

Tom Grubb, Fayetteville Museum of Art Director

Mark Sternlicht, Fayetteville Museum of Art Attorney

Members of the Press

1. INVOCATION

The invocation was offered by Council Member Evans.

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Meno Pennick, Fayetteville Museum of Art Board of Trustees President, welcomed those in attendance and introduced Mayor Chavonne, City Council Members and the Fayetteville Museum of Art Board of Trustees.

3. FAYETTEVILLE MUSEUM OF ART PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Dr. Pennick outlined the order of business for the meeting and noted questions received by the Fayetteville Museum of Art Board of Trustees would be addressed. Council Member Meredith clarified the questions presented were those raised by his constituent base. Mayor Chavonne further clarified the City Council had last met on Monday, August 13, 2007 and had not met to identify the questions to be addressed.

In response to a questions raised by Council Members Haire and Evans, discussion ensued regarding occurrences since execution of the agreement in December 2006.

MOTION: Council Member Worthy moved to deed the property to the Fayetteville Museum of Art.

SECOND: Council Member Kirby

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (9-0)

4. MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Chavonne spoke to discussion opportunities provided by the special meeting.

5. MAYOR PRO-TEM REMARKS

Mayor Pro Tem Massey referenced consultant Robert E. Marvin and Associates master plan for Fayetteville's center city and spoke to the importance of selecting a functional location for the Fayetteville Museum of Art.

6. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Dr. Pennick called on Tom Grubb, Fayetteville Museum of Art Director, who opened the question and answer portion of the meeting.

In response to a question posed by Mayor Chavonne, Mr. Grubb spoke to the original design for Festival Park and the architect's selection of the Festival Park site.

7. BOARD OF TRUSTEE AND CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Dialogue ensued between members of the Fayetteville Museum of Art Board of Trustees and City Council regarding the building design and its implications on Festival Park.

MOTION: Council Member Evans moved to approve the museum design and museum location in Festival Park.

SECOND: Council Member Kirby

Comments from Council followed. Council Member Gonzalez suggested a public hearing to benefit public awareness.

VOTE: PASSED by a vote of 6 in favor (Council Members Gonzalez, Haire, Massey, Kirby, Evans and Worthy) to 3 in opposition (Council Members Chavonne, Bates and Meredith)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.