



**The Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center
Advisory Board Minutes
November 15, 2023**

Meeting called to order at 11:36am

Lisa Goodwin Deputy City Manager, Interim Director Columbus Civic Center: welcomed everyone, introduced herself and introductions were made around the room.

Present: Civic Center Staff- Troy Vanerson, Kanise Wiggins, Jennifer Babin, Valencia Evans, Nixon Paterson, and Josaland Hardwick.

Board Members Present: Delois Marsh, Arreasha Lawrence, Cletus Richardson, Fernando Verdree, Ku'Wonna Ingram, and Evelyn Woodson.

Board Members Absent: Gloria Strode, Carolyn Star-Rose, Terrance Flowers, Arsburn "Oz" Roberts, Dr. Shikha Shah

Others Present: Isaiah Hugley City Manager, Skip Henderson Mayor, Pam Hodge Deputy City Manager, Johnny Harp Facilities Manager, Allen____ Assistant Facilities Manager, Will Johnson Planning Manager, Neil Clark Architect, of Hecht Burdeshaw Architects, Inc.

Lisa Goodwin- How did we get here. Lisa spoke about the City's journey of taking ownership of the Liberty Theatre and how it will be managed.

Isaiah Hugley- Welcomed everyone and thanked them for stepping up to this board. The architect will speak and show you plans. He cautioned everyone against taking pictures or live streaming and or putting anything on social media or out to the public by any means. Nothing has been approved by the Mayor or City Council. These meetings are to get ideals for the architect to work with and bring back to the table. Once agreed we will move forward with getting approved.

Pam Hodge- Discussed the funding for the repairs of the Liberty Theatre and Liberty District.

Neil Clark- Gave presentation of Ma Rainey House, The Liberty Theatre and Liberty District. Everyone participated in giving different ideals for the project. Mr. Clark will come back with other plans for view.

The Board Member in attendance were sworn into office by the Mayor and Evelyn "Mimi Woodson was nominated as 1st Chair and Oz Roberts as Vice Chair. A vote was made and confirmed.

There was a discussion on how often the board would meet, it was confirmed that the next meeting would January 8th. The time will be determined later.

Meeting adjourned 1:10pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rae McConnell

Rae McConnell, Board Secretary