

**CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA
WORKSHOP MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2014**

A Workshop Meeting of the Fort Meade City Commission was held at 6:00 PM Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at the City Hall Commission Chambers, 8 West Broadway, Fort Meade, Florida.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Vice Mayor Nelson.

2. ROLL CALL:

Mayor	Robert Elliott	Absent
Vice Mayor	Maurice Nelson	Present
Commissioner	Barbara Manley	Present
Commissioner	James Watts	Present
Commissioner	Richard Cochrane	Present

Staff Present

City Manager	Fred Hilliard	Present
City Attorney	Tom Cloud	Absent
City Planner	April Brown	Present
Deputy City Clerk	Melissa Newman	Present
Finance Director	James Mel Parker	Present
Electric Superintendent	Jackie Cannon	Present

Also present was: Polk County Sheriff's Deputy Kevin O'neal.

3. INTRODUCTION OF MR. GEORGE GADSON

Mr. E.J. King introduced Mr. George Gadson, Sculpture and Artist, to the Commission and the audience. Mr. King told a little history of Mr. Gadson stating he is a Fort Meade native who now resided in Tamarac Florida.

Mr. Gadson presented a presentation on the type of artwork that he does including bronze sculptures for major league sports teams and massive sculptures for cities or companies as well as wall murals. Mr. Gadson stated it is not just the artwork itself but the surrounding area around the piece that makes it art.

Mr. King inquired about a sculpture of Major League Player Andrew McCutchen on the corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Street and South Charleston Avenue and what the cost might be.

Mr. Gadson stated that there needed to be a plan of the surrounding area and that this was a process not just a sculpture.

Mr. Kevin Oneal suggested a wall mural to represent all the Fort Meade Natives who have gone on to succeed in the sports world.

Mr. King stated maybe a mural of the history of Fort Meade and incorporating Mr. McCuthen into that.


Mr. King stated he would like the City to support art on Martin Luther King Jr. St. and proposed the City purchase the land adjacent to the land the City owns where they would like the art to be displayed.

Ms. June Shirley suggested they form a committee and invite members of the Vision Committee, the Garden Club and the Historical Society to help make a plan to focus on the project.

Mr. King agreed to forming a committee and thanked Mr. Gadson for his presentation and his presence.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Commissioner Watts, second Commissioner Manley to adjourn the workshop meeting of the Fort Meade City Commission on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at 7:28 P.M. Motion carried with all yeas.



Robert Elliott, Mayor

ATTEST:


Melissa Newman, Deputy City Clerk