



*David Shock, Chairman
Joyce Yung, Vice Chair
Bobby Copeland, Secretary*

Kennesaw Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

August 22, 2019

City Hall, Mayor and Council Chambers
2529 J.O. Stephenson Ave.
Kennesaw, Georgia 30144

Members Present: (6) David Shock, Candice Wharton, Kathy Rechsteiner, Carlene Fregeolle, Bobby Copeland, and Michelle Newman [a quorum is achieved with at least one-third (1/3) of the roster members (currently 11) of KCAC being present]

Members Absent: (5) Joyce Yung, Glenn Dawkins, Jacque Cullins, Bill Maxson and Antonio Jones

Guests present: (2) Tracey Viars, Dave Peeples

Meeting Facilitator: David Shock

I. Call to Order: David Shock called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

II. New Business

A. Senior Tax Exemption

1. Tax exemption update for senior citizens (6:30pm-7:06pm)

An ongoing discussion of what will be best for tax exemption for senior citizens is being discussed. The only consensus by the majority of the board is a complete abolishment of the tax is not what the city needs. Options discussed were to keep it the same or either increase the age in addition to that have a duration qualifier for residing in the city.

B. New Members

1. Ideas for gaining new and city diversified membership (7:06pm-7:12pm)

Some ideas were discussed about getting participation from other parts of the city on the board. Presented were having zones where we could reach out to the community to have new people with new ideas and concerns from the city

C. Other Topics of Discussion

1. Ad valorem tax will be lower to the city this year. Also need to find out how the tax is distributed ie; county or city where purchased or where the buyer resides. Reason is because the city is expected to have 600k less in revenue.
2. City of Tifton is considered the most technologically advanced city in Ga. Talked about having high speed internet service throughout Kennesaw
3. City discount cards for city residents as a perk for living in the city
4. We can go to KSU on Sundays to eat also there is a new bus route proposal that will carry students from KSU to downtown Atlanta. We would like to encourage the college students and bus routes to stop in downtown Kennesaw as well to help boost the economy
5. New guest speaker possibility from Sanctuary partners to discuss progress of downtown development

IV. Old Business

None

V. Miscellaneous ~ Discuss any other items members deem appropriate

None

VI. Adjournment

David Shock Adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm. The next meeting is on Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby Copeland, Secretary