



**ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL
PARKS, RECREATION AND FAMILY SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES
Owusu Anane, Chair**

Meeting called by: Owusu Anane, Chair | Date: September 4, 2025 | Time: 5:35 PM

Committee Members Present: Anane, Chair ☒ | Johnson ☐ | Love ☒ | Flynn ☒ | Conti ☒

City Personnel Present: Carly Johnson (Junior Legislative Aide)

Minutes

Agenda Item(s):

- **Resolution 69.71.25R**
- A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE INSTALLATION OF A MURAL ON THE WEST HILL COMMUNITY CENTER COMMEMORATING SIGNIFICANT COMMUNITY FIGURES

Public Comment:

No public comment was heard.

Discussion:

- Committee Chair Owusu Anane discussed the agenda for the September 4, 2025 meeting.
- Committee Member Joyce Love noted that one of the statements in the resolution did not accurately depict the number of historical figures that will be depicted in the mural since Council Member Sarah Curry-Cobb was added.
 - Committee Member Jack Flynn asked who the 5 figures are, to which Committee Member Love responded that Sgt. Henry Johnson, Brother Yusuf Burgess, Dr. Alice Green, Edmund O'Neal, and Sarah Curry-Cobb have been included.
 - Chair Anane noted that the current legislation would thus need a quick amendment.
- Committee Member Flynn asked why the sponsor picked those five figures.
 - Committee Member Love shared that four had already been chosen, and she added Sarah Curry-Cobb. She noted that there is a street named after her, that she was a council member, and that she was an important figure during the Civil Rights Movement and that she marched with Martin Luther King Jr. She expressed her interest in awarding Sarah Curry-Cobb's accomplishments by including her in the mural.
 - Committee Member Love noted that the five being depicted are important figures that shall be honored in order to recognize the need to not allow our history to fade.

- Committee Member Flynn asked if Nebraska Brace was included in discussions, to which Committee Member Love shared that she was but a limited number of figures could be represented.
- Committee Member Richard Conti inquired about the procedure that follows this resolution gets passed out of committee.
 - Committee Member Love noted that Director of Operations Harry Hechehouche sent an email on the topic to which Council Member Jahmel Robinson replied. She shared that she was not sure.
 - Committee Member Conti shared that the community center is already under construction.
 - Committee Member Love clarified the question, asking if the committee amends the resolution, would it have to go back to the mayor for approval. She shared that she was not sure.
 - Committee Member Anane noted that the construction of the center and inclusion of the mural has been accounted for in the 2025 Budget. He noted that if the resolution needed to be amended moving forward, he would be okay with that, but there was a need to pass the resolution out of committee that day.
- Committee member Flynn motioned to move Resolution 69.71.25R as amended out of committee with a positive recommendation, which was seconded by Committee Member Conti and the motion passed by voice vote.

Adjourn:

Committee Member Flynn motioned to adjourn at 5:43, which was seconded by Committee Member Love, and the motion passed by voice vote.

Meeting Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s7y6te3tt0U>

Respectfully Submitted,
Carly Johnson
Junior Legislative Aide