

## **Educational Prosperity Initiative**

**October 2, 2014**

**10:00 AM**

**Fairmont Community Center**

**Call to Order-** Jewel Walker-Harps

**Present-** Shirley Gardner, JoAnne Phinazee, Bob Dull, Anissa Freeman, Mother Eva Dickson, Sandra Dickson, Sheila Hall, Lt. Josh Hinson, Kay Johnson, William Wilson, Cara Jackson, Sharon Williams, Mike Hubbard, Nickey Talley, Chad Jacobs, Jessica Layfield, Hazel Parks, April Smith, Kelly Leger, Otis Starks, Joyce Hollis, Patty Beckham, Carmen Caldwell, Jonathan Swatts, Jimmy Jones, Donald Driver, Fred Jones, April Jones, Larry Fears, Norma Cline, Kathleen Caldwell, Dwayne Smith, Jillian Rafter, Alvin Huff, Diane Brown, Linda Davis, Lucille Appling, Eloise Harps, Modester Lewis, Ernest Lewis, Anne Bankston, Fannie Delaney, Jeff Jordan, Priscilla Pack, Matana Banks, Eddie Bogan, Jewel Walker-Harps, Brody Spark, and Regina Abbott. (48) County Manager William Wilson was welcomed.

**Prayer-** Pastor Shirley Gardner

**Pledge-** Lt. Josh Hinson

**Minutes-** Motion by Shelia Hall and seconded by Modester Lewis to approve the September 4, 2014 meeting minutes with correction to change motion to approve May 1 and June 6 minutes from Ray Lightner to Theo Harris. Unanimous vote.

**A Neighborhood Community Center Built on the Past: Fairmont Rosenwald School Complex as the Centerpiece for Area Revitalization in Griffin, Georgia** – Robert Dull, CEO of Griffin Housing Authority, presented an overview of the report resulting from the Fairmont charrette conducted in October 2013. The full report is available on the Spalding Collaborative website, [www.spaldingcollaborative.com](http://www.spaldingcollaborative.com).

**Summer Feeding Program Volunteer Appreciation-** Volunteers working with the Spalding 2014 summer feeding program were recognized for their invaluable service to the community and children in need. Fairmont Alumni Association and Union Baptist Church were recognized for going above and beyond with weekend meals at VFW and extended summer youth activities at AMBUCS Park, respectively.

**UGA Engaged Scholar Award:** A joint letter of support from Regina Abbott, Joseph Walker, Jewel Walker-Harps and Bob Dull offered for Dr. Jerry Arkin's nomination of Dr. Jeff Jordan for UGA Engaged Scholar Award

**Meriwether Redevelopment Research Project-** Interviews are underway.

**Community Garden-** Trick or treat in the Garden planned for October 31 at 4 pm; volunteers needed; bring table and candy; pumpkin patch planned for next year; will improvise with hay bales this year.

**Kids in Action Moore Elementary Afterschool Program-** Going well; working with County Extension Office to engage students in the Junior Master Gardener program.

**Mentoring-** Mentors needed.

**Backpack Food for Kids-** Looking to expand to Beaverbrook Elementary

**Fairmont Heritage Park & Historical District-** Presented at Spalding Collaborative meeting in September; will be presenting before City and County Commission and Board of Education; Fairmont representatives asked to attend as a show of support.

**Career & College Prep Academy-** Committee made presentation in Atlanta last week.

**Adult Education / GED-** Classes held on Tuesday and Thursday from 9-12.

**Resident Council-** No report.

**Youth Committee-** Appears Parks & Recreation after school program(s) are struggling.

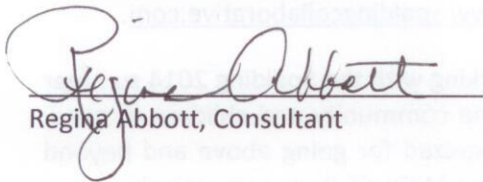
**Historical Committee-** Volunteer who attended Fairmont Vocational needed to coordinate the EPI presentation for January.

**Introductions / Closing Comments-** Making Griffin Spalding Better Together Community Conference is scheduled for November; speakers include Ed Jennings, Southeastern Regional Director of HUD, and Ricky Clarke, Jr.; Life of a Teenager on Sunday at 6 pm Griffin City Auditorium; Boy Scouts sponsored activities at Impact Community Center on Kentucky on October 13 – 200 scouts from Atkinson, Kelsey and Moore; October 25 is Make a Difference Day.

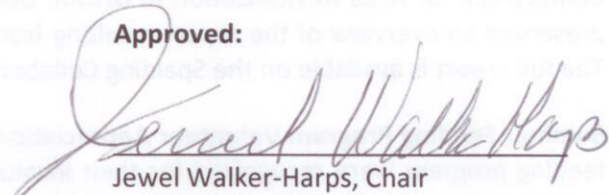
**Next Meeting-** November 6 at 10 am at Fairmont Community Center.

**Meeting adjourned**

**Respectfully submitted:**

  
Regina Abbott, Consultant

**Approved:**

  
Jewel Walker-Harps, Chair