

## Educational Prosperity Initiative

November 6, 2014

10:00 AM

Fairmont Community Center

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

**Present-** Fannie Delaney, Clyde Forbes, Mavis Forbes, Ellen Bauske, Dewey Haley, Carmen Caldwell, Kathleen Caldwell, Grady Caldwell, Jillian Rafter, Margie Duffie, Eddie Bogan, Kenda Woodard, Patricia Mottley, Sheila Hall, Anissa Freeman, Pam Nutt, Jessica Layfield, Jeff Jordan, Kenneth Fields, Alvin Huff, Chad Jacobs, Ray Lightner, Jewel Walker-Harps, Lt. Josh Hinson, Regina Abbott, and Patti Beckham. (26)

**Prayer-** Pastor Grady Caldwell

**Pledge-** Alvin Huff

**Minutes-** Deferred to next meeting

**Griffin Salvation Army** – Lt. Josh Hinson provided an overview of the many programs and services offered to the community including: Christmas bell ringing during holiday season, assistance with food and clothing, food pantry opened this week and will be open through week of December 8, federally funded rent/utility assistance, community center, afterschool program 3-7pm for 45 kids most of which are funded through scholarship funds and 65% made the honor roll with a goal of 90%, Boy Scouts meet on Monday nights, 55 kids went to Camp Grandview this past summer, church services, midweek Bible study, men and women groups, Sunday service, 2 choirs, Tuesday and Thursday women's group fellowship and bingo, House of Hope with 38 beds, women, men and children, and community garden behind House of Hope.

**Meriwether Redevelopment Research Project-** Finishing up Meriwether Homes interviews (about 10-20 more, about 10 moved out of town) and getting ready to begin interviews in the learning lab at Fairmont Homes (75-80 units).

**Kids in Action Afterschool-** program reported doing good; junior master gardener program in partnership with Moore Elementary, UGA and extension office.

**Hopeville Boys Center-** community-based mentoring program in partnership with Griffin Housing Authority serves 41 boys meets at Kelsey gym on Thursdays.

**Community Garden-** Junior master gardener class at Moore Elementary; over 200 attended the Halloween party with 45 volunteers including 4-H members; there was a steady stream of kids; good time had by all; front page of Griffin Daily News.

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

**Mentoring-** Jackson Road Elementary is interested in starting the program.

**Backpack Food for Kids-** Expanded to Beaverbrook Elementary

**Career & College Prep Academy-** developing the board of directors; Jeff Jordan is representing UGA

**Adult Education / GED-** Classes held on Tuesday and Thursday from 9-12; five residents enrolled in program; resident meeting on November 18

**Resident Council-** No report; Darrell Dix of Griffin Police Department is presenting on Citizens Government Academy and Citizens Police Academy on November 17 6:30 at Fairmont Community Center

**Youth Committee-** No report;

Youth Advisory Council if hosting a free underage drinking prevention event for teens and parents at UGA Stuckey Auditorium on Saturday, November 15 from 4-8pm; food provided

**Historical Committee-** The city and county have covered the old Fairmont High buildings to halt further destruction of the historical property

**Introductions / Closing Comments-** The South African Dance Company, Africa Umoja, is offering a free workshop on the origin of dance at UGA Stuckey Auditorium on Sunday November 23 at 3pm prior to their performance at the Rialto Theater November 25<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> in Atlanta; the workshop is free for youth and adults; discounted tickets to the performance are available for groups of ten or more from City of Griffin. St. Phillips AME Church is providing Thanksgiving meals to those in need on November 22 from 12-3pm; HUD Promise Zone Designation under consideration

**Next Meeting-** December 4 at 10 am at Fairmont Community Center.

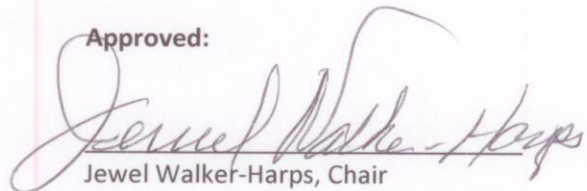
**Meeting adjourned**

**Respectfully submitted:**



Regina Abbott, Consultant

**Approved:**



Jewel Walker-Harps, Chair