



# **Macon-Bibb County Bi-Centennial Committee Committee Meeting**

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July 26, 2023 | 10:00 AM  
700 Poplar Street Macon, GA 31201

## **AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
  - A 04-26-2023 Bi-Centennial Committee Meeting Minutes
3. Report from Leads
  - A Fundraising - Co-Chairs Wes Griffith and Alex Habersham
  - B Budget - Wes Griffith
  - C Marketing - Julia Morrison
  - D History/Storytelling/Placemaking - Dr. Joshua Murfree, Administrator
  - E Arts - Jim Montgomery and Karla Redding-Andrews
  - F Partnership - Andrea Cooke and Justice Verda Colvin
  - G Education - Dr. Thelma Dillard
  - H Bicentennial Park - Tracie Revis and Ethiel Garlington
4. Schedule of Events
5. Unfinished Business
6. New Business
7. Action items requiring a vote
8. Adjournment
9. Next meeting date will be August 23, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room - City Hall, Macon, GA

**BICENTENNIAL BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 26, 2023, 10:00 A.M.  
MAYOR'S COFERENCE ROOM  
MEETING MINUTES**

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| <b><u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u></b><br>Wes Griffith<br>Alex Habersham<br>Dr. Thelma Dillard<br>Andrea Cooke<br>Dr. Thomas Duval<br>Susan Cable<br>Jim Montgomery<br>Janice Ross<br>Anna Roberts<br>Ethiel Garlington<br>Beverly Knight Olson<br>Moises Velez Saez | <b><u>GUESTS PRESENT</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b><u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</u></b><br>Dr. Michael Burnett<br>Virgil Adams<br>Beverly Glover<br>Tracie Revis<br>Jim Barfield<br>Oney Hudson<br>Justice Verda Colvin<br>Denny Jones<br>Karla Redding-Andrews<br>Gary Wheat<br>Jaime Kaplan                          | <b><u>OTHERS PRESENT</u></b><br>Adrianna Beavers, Assistant County Attorney<br>Dr. Joshua Murfree, Administrator for Bicentennial Committee<br>Julia Morrison, Arts & Marketing at Mercer University<br>Liz Fabian, Macon Newsroom |

**Call To Order**

Wes Griffith called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

*On motion of Anna Roberts, seconded of Andrea Cooke and passed unanimously, the minutes from February 2023 and March 22, 2023, meetings were approved.*

## **Introduction**

Julia Morrison from the Arts and Marketing Department at Mercer was introduced to the board. Mrs. Morrison presented an 11"x17" poster to place at different store fronts. She also shared two wrap cards that can be distributed to the community; one card is event driven changing monthly and the other can be used for the rest of the year as a reminder of Macon 200<sup>th</sup> Celebration.

*On motion of Jim Montgomery, seconded of Anna Roberts and passed unanimously, Julia Morrison was named Marketing Lead and a member of the Bicentennial Board.*

## **Report from Leads**

### **Fundraising**

Wes Griffith reviewed the account information. He stated that the board has raised \$1.5 million with some of the funds to come through in 2024. He mentioned the Sneaker Ball raised \$25,000.00 and was a great success. He discussed Phase 2 of the fundraising campaign and volunteers are still needed to support this effort.

### **Marketing**

Mrs. Morrison reported that the Marketing Committee will meet soon. She reviewed several things to come such as light pole banners, stencil project and videos from the Poetry Slam to share with future participants.

Moises Velez Saez spoke about the advertisement he is doing in the Spanish Community.

### **History/Storytelling/Placemaking**

Dr. Joshua Murfree will take over History/Storytelling/Placemaking until a lead person is established. Dr. Murfree discussed the request of having a Sub-committee to determine how the Board chooses Maconites and conduct county business. There will be one hundred and twelve names submitted to Julia Morrison to arrange for members to place a vote on who will be on the committee.

### **Arts**

Mrs. Morrison reported on the art show and stated that the poster releases are selling well. She is looking for a photographer in the Spanish Community, she did reach out to someone and is waiting on a reply. She reported on the selfie booth in the mall and it will be a permanent part of the mall after the Bicentennial celebration.

### **Partnership**

Andrea Cooke reviewed the partnerships with both Tubman and Douglass Theater. Volunteers are needed at the Goodwill Event/Gala Ball. She mentioned that Mayor Miller has ideas that he would like to discuss at the next Sneaker Ball Committee meeting. Save the date for the Sneaker Ball will go out in May.

Ms. Cooke spoke about the sanctioned Juneteenth Parade. She plans to meet with the group to get the application complete.

### **Education**

Jim Montgomery spoke of future events and the Essay Competition. Mr. Griffith mentioned that there is still money allocated to this line item.

### **Bicentennial Park**

Ethiel Garlington stated that he plans to have a zoom meeting with a consultant on April 27, 2023, for assistance with the park design.

### **Schedule Of Events**

Mr. Griffith discussed 3D Mapping.

### **Budget from Leads**

There was no update at this time.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

The next meeting is planned for the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in May, at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

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Sheila F. Griggs  
Deputy Clerk of Commission