



Macon-Bibb County Bi-Centennial Committee Committee Meeting

November 15, 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 – Chair Wes Griffith and Co-Chair Alex Habersham
 - B Marketing – Julia Morrison
 - C History/Storytelling/Placemaking – Dr. Joshua Murfree, Administrator
 - D Arts – Jim Montgomery and Karla Redding-Andrews
 - E Partnership – Andrea Cooke and Justice Verda Colvin
 - F Education – Dr. Thelma Dillard
 - G Bicentennial Park – Tracie Revis and Ethiel Garlington
4. Schedule of Events
5. Budget from Leads
6. Unfinished Business
 - A Book Contract
7. New Business
 - A Official end date of the Bicentennial Committee
8. Action Items Requiring a Vote
9. Adjournment

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

<u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u> Wes Griffith Alex Habersham Dr. Thelma Dillard Andrea Cooke Dr. Thomas Duval Susan Cable Jim Montgomery Janice Ross Anna Roberts Ethiel Garlington Beverly Knight Olson Moises Velez Saez	<u>GUESTS PRESENT</u>
<u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</u> Dr. Michael Burnett Virgil Adams Beverly Glover Tracie Revis Jim Barfield Oney Hudson Justice Verda Colvin Denny Jones Karla Redding-Andrews Gary Wheat Jaime Kaplan	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u> Adrianna Beavers, Assistant County Attorney Dr. Joshua Murfree, Administrator for Bicentennial Committee Julia Morrison, Arts & Marketing at Mercer University 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 200th 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 4th Wednesday in May, at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Sheila F. Griggs
Deputy Clerk of Commission