



Macon-Bibb County Bi-Centennial Committee Committee Meeting

December 12, 2023 | 2:00 PM
700 Poplar Street Macon, GA 31201

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
 - A 11-15-2023 Bi-Centennial Committee Meeting Minutes
3. Report from Leads
 - A Fundraising – Co-Chairs Wes Griffith and 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. Adjournment
5. Schedule of Events
6. Unfinished Business
7. New Business
8. Action Items requiring a vote

**BICENTENNIAL BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 15, 2023, 10:00 A.M.
MAYOR'S COFERENCE ROOM
MEETING MINUTES**

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

Call To Order

Wes Griffith called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Anna Roberts, seconded of Susan Cable and passed unanimously, the minutes from April 26, 2023, meeting was approved.

Report from Leads

Fundraising

Wes Griffith reviewed fundraising. He stated that the board has raised \$1.5 million with some of the funds to come through in 2024.

Marketing

Mrs. Morrison reported on the art show, bamboo exhibit and the car with plants in it at the Macon Mall. There will be a closing reception ceremony on 12/7/2023 from 4-6 p.m. She is looking forward to seeing an article in the Macon Magazine in January featuring exhibits and events done for Macon 200th year.

\$200 for 200 has raised \$5,600.00 thus far and is still going.

History/Storytelling/Placemaking

Dr. Joshua Murfree shared the upcoming events schedule with the committee. All events can be located at www.macon200.com.

Arts

Jim Montgomery reported on the essay contest. The invitation to participate will go to both public and private schools. The winner will be announced in January 2024.

Partnership

Andrea Cooke stated that the Goodwill Gala was nice and did raise an undisclosed amount of money. She has collected about 32K for the Mayor's Ball which will be on December 8, 2023. She is still looking for contributions for the gift bags that will be given out at this event. There will be \$1,500.00 scholarships presented to three GCAPS during the Sneaker Ball.

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

Tracie Reves reported that the RFP's for the Bicentennial Park are narrowed down and hopefully they can decide by December 4, 2023. The RFP's ranged from as high as 240K down to 30K.

Schedule Of Events

Dr. Joshua Murfree shared the upcoming events schedule with the committee. All events can be located at www.macon200.com.

Budget from Leads

There was no update at this time.

Unfinished Business – Book Contract

On motion of Karla Redding-Andrews, seconded of Thelma Dillard and passed unanimously, to proceed with the contract for the Book, was approved.

New Business – Dissolution of the Bicentennial Committee

On motion of Andrea Cooke, seconded of Jim Montgomery and passed unanimously, to give Chair and Co-Chair the authority to handle all Bicentennial Committee business after December 31, 2023.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

The next meeting is a Special Called meeting on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Sheila F. Griggs
Deputy Clerk of Commission