

Bicentennial Celebration Committee Minutes for June 2025

Call to order at 6:00 pm

In attendance were: Jesse Branch, Aimee Hadden, Mark Johnston, Meg Kelsey, Danny Allen, Joy Barnes, Ashley Beck, Danny Beck, Betsy Burnette, Brant Frost, Jenni Horne, Jennifer Morrison, and Kim Wright.

Jennifer motioned to approve minutes from April meeting and Danny Beck 2nd the motion, all approved.

Meg updated that the city will cut checks, anything up to \$2,000 doesn't need quotes, \$2,000 to \$50,000 needs approval as well as 3 quotes following city's policies.

Bicentennial Park follow up: November will break ground, and will take about a year to complete. Discussion on Artwork, Betsy talked about a marble timeline wall, art mural wall, etc.

Logo Update

Ashley Beck provided several graphic designs for the logo. The committee voted on several and Option One - Oval design submitted by Ruthie Burnette and Option 4 submitted by Lauren Hardin (with a couple of changes) were voted the two favorites of the options submitted. It was decided that an email would go out to all of the full committee for a vote on these two.

Committee Reports:

History:

History Interviews were discussed by Joy Barnes. She suggested we also should consider going to interviewee homes instead of them having to come to us. There are more interviews scheduled for June 27th. It was decided to try to get several more people for interviews and Cyndhia Jenkins was planning to get more names as well. Possible also to film in the basement of City Hall.

Advertising/Marketing:

Danny Allen said there are 500 people planned for the parade for Juneteenth, starting at veteran's memorial park and proceeding down to 1st avenue part. Inaugura and Juneteenth Celebration all on Saturday. There is a heritage lunch and learn as well, October Cemetery Tours with Newnan History Center is planned, there are 455 Unmarked graves. Construction begins in August for the Newnan Historic African American Burial Ground. Suggested we have a meeting there to see it and learn.

Events:

Ribbon cutting ceremony and photo opportunity for ground breaking of the Bicentennial Park in November. 2027 Christmas Parade - having a Bicentennial float.

Financial Report:

Jenny Horne reported \$990,500

History:

It was discussed to possibly pull photos from Bob Shapiro's collection to coincide with the interviews.

Public Relations:

Danny Beck said he is talking with merchants currently.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00