

Bicentennial Celebration Committee Minutes for April 2025

Call to order at 6:00 pm

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

Brant motioned to approve minutes from March meeting and Joy 2nd the motion, all approved.

Meg updated on Bicentennial Park and we all received an architectural drawing and location. It's a 3 million dollar project by splost. So far design has been approved by counsel, it will be a LINC trail head, city council would like to add a restroom facility to design.

Meg asked that our committee put together a sub-committee for art for the park, possibly a mural, sculptures, etc. Jenni Horne stated that she teaches painting at UWG and has a lot of students that would be interested in possibly painting a mural.

Subcommittee volunteers are: Jenni Horne, Brant Frost and Danny Beck.

Meg talked about needing to get a budget to propose to city council, a question arose if city would pay directly to the vendor or do we pay ourself and get reimbursed, Meg to check on question. Also to check if we could have a certain amount that we can spend without having to get other bids.

Logo:

Betsy suggested we hire a graphic designer for the logo and not use the highschoools. Get a great Logo made and time is of the essence so that we can start marketing. Betsy also suggested using something besides the courthouse in the logo design such as the LINC bridge. Danny Beck motioned to vote that we use a graphic designer, motion was 2nd and all approved. Ashley Beck to contact Graphic Designer.

Betsy would like to have a meeting with city council in June to show progress from the committee.

Committee Reports:

Ashley Beck - Events Coordination Committee Report:

Passed out a printed preliminary timeline for an events schedule and discussions on moving things if needed and adding as needed

Advertising/Marketing: Danny Allen was not present at the meeting

Financing- Jenni Horne/Meg Kelsey

There is 10,000 in the budget for this year, we need to put together a budget for City Council to approve.

History - Bob Shapiro - was not at the meeting, Joy Barnes reported in his place
Interviews are being scheduled June 13th 10-2 and June 27 10-2. Want to film the interview and
give stories and history. Need more names of people for interviewing. City has a green screen
and equipment for filming. Want to make interviews comfortable. We still need suggestions for
questions that will prompt story telling.

Betsy stated that people are starting to ask how they can get involved and help with the
celebration. A discussion on how to handle that needs to take place so that we can start
securing volunteers.

Danny Beck - Public Relations Report - Nothing to report at this time, except people are excited
and want to get involved.

Aimee Hadden asked if we have thought about marketing and reaching out to people out of
downtown Newnan, discussions brought suggestions of HOA emails, Explore Coweta
Magazine, Banners, Yard signs, window posters.

Next Meeting scheduled for May 20, 2025.

Meeting adjourned 7:00