

Bicentennial Celebration Committee Minutes for October 2025

Call to order at 12:00 in City Hall

In attendance were: Jesse Branch, Aimee Hadden, Mark Johnston, Meg Kelsey, Danny Allen, Ashley Beck, Danny Beck, Betsy Burnette, Rebecca Gibson, Jennifer Morrison, Ronnie Oliver, Janice Walton, Kim Wright and Marsha Goodman

Minutes from September meeting were approved.

Logo Update:

Danny Allen said we need logo to really get started! Meg said the company that is doing the logo is in sketching mode and should have something to see in November at our meeting. Meg requested he be here at the meeting to present the ideas. Anthony will get the logo online when we narrow it down.

November should be ground breaking for the Bicentennial Park. Aimee suggested we have a tent there and have brochures. This would be an opportunity to have a picture of ground breaking with the group. Meg stated they will get in touch with a possible date for the picture. Danny Beck said people are asking about where the park is going to be and when things will start happening.

A possible launch in January for the Bicentennial Celebration was discussed, the logo should be completed and we could start publicizing.

Danny Allen spoke about the reconstruction of the cemetery - connection of the skate park to the cemetery and signage etc., will connect to the museum and will be 2 phases. The Community is looking forward to being able to respect their ancestors. It's a very serene area, with lots of wildlife. Would invite everyone to come and possibly have a meeting outside. They are finding names based on plantation owners and there are 455 graves found with penetration radar. Named the Farmer Street Cemetery to Newnan African American Burial Ground and then it will be named Heritage Memorial.

Committee Reports:

Financial Report:

Jenni was not in attendance.

History:

No report as Bob Shapiro was not in attendance. Rebecca stated that several people are on board for a few more interviews. Fridays are preferred and Bob is aware, just need to get them scheduled. Jennifer suggested there is money left still to make it happen and Meg stated they need to have Bob there for the interviews.

Advertising Marketing Report:

Danny Beck said people are excited and wondering when things may start to happen.

Events:

Ashley Beck asked about the itinerary that Betsy brought to the meeting in September. Betsy responded that it was a few more ideas that were possibilities to add.