



## MINUTES

The Grover Tourism Development Authority  
April 23, 2013 | 6:00 p.m.

### **All meetings are promulgated publicly as The 4th Tuesday of each month**

1. Call to order - Chair Martin Mongiello, approval and acceptance of March minutes unanimous. Second by JD Ledford. Linda Brackett not at meeting. Noted that Bill Willis is voting in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order and Draft By-Laws.
2. Financial Report – Bill Willis reported increased earnings of the towns new tax for lodging guests of 273.30 (Jan was 169.15, Feb was 130.35 and March was 255.50 – total is now 828.30 not counting the loaned 750.00 from the town to open the account).
3. OLD BUSINESS for action and report review
  - A. Discussion of the by-laws with review of recent updates. Mongiello promised action item. We are now on version five (5) and the concerned items discussed were 1. Writing checks not previously authorized in the afore-months minutes (mentioned every meeting as a concern) and 2. Forcing a multi-thousand dollar or multi-hundred dollar audit each year onto the TDA without their permission or cognizance (along with that are budget requests). Mongiello mentioned as it is the first year only - setting detailed budgets is really a waste of time.
  - B. Co-Mingling of Funds – new account establishment completed at First National Bank with all three signature cards completed by Willis, Ledford and Mongiello.
  - C. New Town Park – advancement toward county. Mongiello/Ledford promised action item and both spoke with and obtained prices for renting the park area on the corner of Main and Cleveland Avenue from the good Mr. Keeter of 150.00 per month or 12k for sale.
  - D. Easter Egg Roll, games, prizes and cash and candy egg hunt April 1, 2013 at The Presidential Culinary Museum and Presidential Service Center. Grover featured on News Channel 14, KM Herald, Gaston Gazette and Shelby Star. Mathew Morrow (7) of Kings Mountain had his Most Decorated Spoon Contest winning entry placed into the museum in Grover on display.
  - F. Murals – Mr. Clive Haynes contacted on bid and drawings. Mongiello promised action item. Mr. Haynes expressed he would help the town with just 5k down and payments spread out for his several months work if hired.
  - G. Town Welcome Signs – completion commitment. Tricia Willis promised action item. One sign is up and one on Cleveland Avenue (Route 226) still awaits to go up. Repeatedly monthly delays noted. Of concern to the Chair is the allowance of volunteer workers for the Grover Pumpkin Festival but volunteer work for the TDA is not being allowed. The Chair asked why is there a double standard?
  - H. Painting of Fire Hydrants. Bill Willis promised action item. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards brought to Mr. Willis attention by the Grover Volunteer Fire Department (GVFD) 1. State what the city of Kings Mountain is doing is a violation of NFPA code and 2. allow Grover to hold a children’s contest with adult supervision and for a family to



submit any ideas to paint a hydrant to the TDA who will forward such to the Town Commissioners for approval AS LONG AS the top is not painted at all (NFPA code). The TDA is interested in a historical approach explaining each important figure by the submission – which can be a simple paper idea typed up or written and a sample picture enclosed behind it. The school of Grover Elementary is interested in helping the contest.

I. Painting and awnings of downtown. Mongiello to contact owners.

J. March 31 coverage of impending WW II event on CBS TV Charlotte was excellent.

K. Museum featured in Spartanburg Herald Journal with full color spread.

L. Museum featured in Chicago storyline with Beudel Meats.

#### 4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Mount Zion Tour Group in Grover for tourism event of Presidential Culinary Museum today and luncheon patronage at Carolina Crossing Restaurant.

B. Escalation of downtown business shops and filling them.

#### 5. Items from the Board

#### 6. Announcements

A. Next Meeting always the 4th Tuesday of the month at town hall, 6 pm.

B. Grover inn and museum featured in Huffington Post Travel Section.

C. Upcoming bus tour to Grover, August.

D. Upcoming TV coverage of Grover on May 25 on CBS TV.

E. Upcoming film debut and release in Fall of 2013 of Alone Yet Not Alone Hollywood motion picture that several Grover residents supported including the Grover based American Revolutionary War Living History Center.

F. Upcoming Grover Town Hall being used on June 15 for President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill, swing band and swing dancers with The Andrews Sisters and Letters from Home tap dancers and singers.

#### 7. Adjourn