



MINUTES

The Grover Tourism Development Authority
August 27, 2013 | 6:00 p.m.

**All meetings are promulgated publicly as the last Tuesday of each month
(A minor change from previously being the 4th Tuesday of each month)**

1. Called to order at 6:04 pm - Chair Martin Mongiello, approval and acceptance of June minutes from Secretary Linda Brackett were due and late. Approval of July minutes from JD Ledford was made as a motion and Bill Willis seconded. The July minutes were accepted unanimously.
2. Financial Report – Bill Willis made a current and up to date report of additional receipts.
3. OLD BUSINESS for action and report review.

A. Signature of the by-laws (revision 7/pending 8) with review of recent updates by JD Ledford. Still awaiting meeting with Kara Millonzi of the LGC in Raleigh. Mongiello promised action item. Other new ideas and items to be added to the By-Laws were discussed and all agreed to wait until the LGC and UNC consulted again on the TDA.

B. New Town Park – advancement toward county. First grant to PNC Bank has been drawn up and submitted as was promised by Mongiello. Second grant to the NC Department of Tourism was submitted by submitted Mongiello. Park is a promised Mongiello/Ledford promised action item. Request for additional grant writing to be completed by Secretary Brackett, Vice Chairman Ledford and Treasurer Brackett. Discussions continued but no member other than Mongiello is willing to pursue grants at this time.

C. Murals – Mr. Clive Haynes contacted on bid and drawings. Included in action item “B”. Mongiello promised action item. Chair Mongiello will commence painting a new 100 foot long mural in Grover as part of a private client project. Recently completed a 6’ mural and a 80’ mural. Mongiello discussed these items.

D. Town Welcome Signs – completion commitment. All signs up now as was promised by the TDA and town workers who ensured they made it happen. Resolution offered to thank town maintenance workers by Mongiello. Tricia Willis success story. Ledford agreed to fill out any request forms but Mongiello reminded him the TDA can vote to spend money on it’s own.

E. New item has been agreed upon to build walls and beds of flowers inside them for all three signs. The main welcome sign by route 226 and 29 will be first for a 1000.00 build program complete with Vice Chair Ledford showcasing design ideas and sample rock formations carried into the July meeting for showcase. Willis, Brackett, Ledford, Mongiello team promised item. Finances reviewed and discussed with lighting, Mongiello reported his conversations and fact finding with Duke Power agreeing to electrify any lights the town puts on the signs. The discussion included moving from solar to electric.

F. Painting of Fire Hydrants. Bill Willis promised action item. Moved to Mongiello for program straw man finished discussion in June. Awaiting new school year to open for kids. Working



with Grover Elementary School now. Proposal for program going to Mrs. Anderson at the school. Mongiello/Willis continuing action item. Mongiello mentioned the hydrants will follow historic figures.

G. Treatment of accountancy, audit and assessment of extraneous or frivolous billing/budget. Continuing discussion with the state LGC. Awaiting item A meeting. Rejection of forced audit onto the TDA again was discussed and agreed to continue into September and October.

H. Escalation of downtown business shops and filling them for tourism. Two new buildings were mentioned opening of the Doctor's offices and the all new Animal Shelter and Pet Rehabilitation Center.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Update to the Facebook and main website of LAST Tuesday of each month vice 4th Tuesday. Completed.

5. Items from the Board

6. Announcements

A. Next Meeting always the last Tuesday of the month at town hall, 6 pm. (Change promulgated)

B. Successful bus tour to Grover, August 14.

C. 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 (ARWLHC).

D. Upcoming Grover Pumpkin Festival with request for info. Ledford mentioned a meeting that night would be held also.

E. President Bush's Chef Cooking and Speech with wine tasting August 8 large success.

F. Live presentation to be given nationwide to 50 college campuses, August 20 27, from Grover. Thousands of Professors and students online. Town gaining the attention of primary investment holders at Goldman Sachs and Providence Equity Partners.

G. Indian gaming casino announcement was made by Mongiello and all expressed a welcome to the resort as a tremendous benefit for the whole area.

H. TV show filming for series in Grover

I. News coverage featured on Grover tourism efforts in the Shelby Star & Gaston Gazette with recent event. Additional coverage this week in the Washington Post, Times of London, Huffington Post and India Times.

7. Adjourn