



MINUTES

The Grover Tourism Development Authority
June 24, 2014 | 6:00 p.m.

We provide published notice of our regular meetings held four times per year via our regular website, paid advertising campaigns, Facebook site and public body notice posting in plain view of public passerby on the town hall bulletin board to be at 6 pm held the last Tuesday of every quarter (March, June, September, December) at the Grover Town Hall with a backup default of Carolina Crossing Restaurant. Notice is provided to the public that all budgets are submitted at the March meeting, posted on the town bulletin board, our Facebook site and TDA website for full public review 90 days prior to the June meeting where budget voting occurs. Entities desirous of requesting tourism related funds for their use can apply all year long.

1. Call to order - Chair Martin Mongiello, approval and acceptance of March, 2014 minutes. The minutes from the March 11 Special Meeting are included with the minutes for March. It was mentioned at this time for any public meeting under NC law, a board member or Commissioner has the legal right to add any item to an agenda, accordingly, per Roberts Rules of Order. Brackett attended by phone and Willis and Mongiello attended in person.

2. Financial Report – JD Ledford had provided an Excel sheet as the Grover Town Finance Officer. Independent audit report completed by Darrell Keller, CPA of Kings Mountain, NC was reviewed.

3. OLD BUSINESS for action and report review.

A. New Town Park – Discussions continue and the park could open in 2014 or 2015. Mongiello/Willis work item. Meetings were mentioned.

B. New request form was completed for all groups requesting money. It is now on the website as a .pdf for folks to print and fill out.

D. Check to be signed for Public Official Bonding for the Finance Director of the TDA. JD Ledford action item and presentation as letter is received and was voted on and approved at the March meeting. Check was signed later and mailed in.



E. Painting of Fire Hydrants. Moved to Mongiello for program straw man. Working with Grover Elementary School and Ms. Pam Anderson. Contacted her on 3/24/2014. New poster contest. Mongiello has been unable to reach Ms. Anderson. Mongiello continuing action item to mimic Kings Mountain successful program.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Proposed budget for 2014/2015 was voted on. This was posted on the town bulletin board for over 30 days and also advertised (paid) in the Kings Mountain Herald newspaper (for a week long and 14 days prior to meeting) and via paid advertising on Facebook (Mongiello paid for privately out of his private funds 90 days prior to meeting) allowing for over ten days of review prior to the full, seated and public hearing. The budget was originally presented for review at the March 25 meeting and was voted on and passed.

5. Announcements made aloud

A. Film debut and release of Alone Yet Not Alone Hollywood motion picture that several Grover residents supported including the Grover based American Revolutionary War Living History Center (ARWLHC). Full nationwide release occurred Fathers Day weekend 2014. Film song was nominated for an Oscar.

B. Grover Pumpkin Festival was held Oct 26, 2013. It was encouraged and listed numerous times on the TDA Facebook site. It also was shared via Facebook around the internet and Mayor Ledford may be able to mention some progress items on it for 2014. Possibly may occur as a private festival since town voted not to financially support it any longer.

C. TV show filming for series in Grover continues with Producers and shot around the county on June 15 and 16. More to follow soon.

D. Carolina Crossing Restaurant has a billboard on Interstate 85 and ads on shopping carts in Kings Mountain driving traffic to Grover.

E. Two bus tours from Carolina Tours and Duke Power visited Grover, Carolina Crossing Restaurant and the Presidential Culinary Museum. Three more bus tours are coming from Raleigh with 50 people per day.

F. 52 festivals are being worked on for Grover. One per weekend. More to follow. The town and all buildings were photographed and put online.

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