

AD-HOC COMMITTEE

Quasquibicentennial Celebration Tuesday, January 2, 2024 5:00 P.M. Kingston City Hall-Council Chambers

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order (Chair Tony Brown)
- 2. Roll Call
 - Robert Bailey
 - Tony Brown (Chair)
 - Sonny Hunter
 - Glenda Johnson
 - Sandy McPherson
 - Karly Page
 - Jack Sims (Secretary)
 - Sharon Templeton (Vice-Chair)
- 3. Approval of Minutes from December 4, 2023
- 4. Public Comment
- 5. Discussion on final logo proof / Recommendation to Council for approval
- 6. Discussion on Fort Re-enactment and finalize date(s)
- 7. Discussion on Tennessee Old Timers Baseball Association
- 8. Discussion of Re-enactment at the Old Courthouse and finalize date(s)
- 9. Continued discussion of the Celebration and updates from members regarding ideas presented during the previous meeting.
- 10. Adjournment

KINGSTON QUASQUIBICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION AD HOC COMMITTEE MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2023 KINGSTON CITY HALL

The Regular Meeting of the Kingston Quasquibicentennial Celebration Ad Hoc Committee was held on Monday December 4, 2023. Chairman Tony Brown called the meeting to order with the following members present: Member Robert Bailey, Chair Tony Brown, Member Sonny Hunter, Member Glenda Johnson (5:01), Member Jack McPherson (5:01), Member Karly Page, Secretary Jack Sims, and Vice-Chair Sharon Templeton.

Others in attendance: Kelly Jackson (City Clerk), Nancy Hamilton, and Levi Lankford

1. Approval of Minutes from November 6, 2023

Motion by Member Hunter, second by Secretary Sims to approve the minutes as written of the meeting held on November 6, 2023

The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

2. Public Comment-

Chair Tony Brown recognized Nancy Hamilton and Levi Lankford in attendance.

3. Continued discussion of the Quasquibicentennial Celebration logo

Discussion ensued about adding the actual date in a ribbon above the logo and changing the color from black to blue.

Motion by Member Johnson, second by Secretary Sims to request Member Hunter to reach out and get the proposed changes in draft form along with the cost estimate to present to council to approve for advertising of this celebration.

The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

4. Approve or Amend the press release and appoint a main contact person on the committee for public input.

Motion by Member Johnson, second by Member Templeton to name Member Hunter, Member Page, and Secretary Sims as the main point of contacts.

The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Further discussion ensued about advertising on the website and social media.

5. <u>Continued discussion of the Celebration and updates from members regarding ideas presented during the previous meeting.</u>

Chairman Tony Brown-

- Advised that Levi Lankford has volunteered to coordinate food trucks for events planned
- Spoke with Verilyn Smith who belongs to a local quilting group and will discuss with them the possibility of making a Celebration Quilt to be used. He will report back once quilting group meets to discuss.
- Introduced school board member Nancy Hamilton who addressed the commission regarding possibilities of getting the schools involved in the events. She discussed the following:

- She spoke with Tim Thompson and Stephanie Collins at Kingston Elementary School and discussed a
 poster contest is a possibility with the lower grades or could include all grades.
- o Jill Corum at Cherokee Middle School was very interested in the idea of an essay contest
- o Keith McDaniel at RCHS suggested a video project through their A/V program.
- o Ellen Dailey at RCHS would like to be involved in helping with a parade and to have the student council members be involved in the activities.
- Natasha Hudson at RCHS mentioned an art sculpture project

Member Johnson asked if the drama club about a play. Ms. Hamilton said she could reach out to them. Member Hunter mentioned a "song" was done in the past. Ms. Hamilton said the Elementary School has a choral program.

Ms. Hamilton asked about the school projects and when/where it would be displayed along with the winners being announced and recognized. Chair Brown mentioned dedicating a room at the community center for a display room for different projects. He also mentioned items such as newspaper articles, pictures, sesquicentennial video could also be displayed. Ms. Hamilton mentioned that Ms. Hudson at RCHS organizes a spring and fall showcase in the old auditorium to display art work. Member Templeton suggested we utilize the showcases already scheduled and use the celebration as their theme.

Chair Brown reached out to the Tennessee Old Timers Baseball Assoc. and they will get back with him in the next few weeks. October 2024 will be in their season and they have played here before. He will report back at the January meeting.

Our next regular meeting is scheduled for January 1st which is a holiday. He suggested moving the meeting to January 2nd at 5pm and the commission can stay and report to the Kingston City Council at their workshop which is scheduled at 6pm on the same date.

Motion by Secretary Sims, second by Member Johnson to move the January meeting to January 2nd at 5pm.

The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

 Would like to reach out to the area churches to see if they would be willing to do a "Homecoming" event during this time.

Member Jack "Sandy" McPherson-

- Wants to emphasize "creating experiences for our young people". They will learn more from experiences than reading text books.
- Advised that the Oak Ridge re-enactors point of contact may be Jim Rivers. Mr. McPherson advised he could reach out to Mr. Rivers.
- Ask various choral groups to attend different events.

Member Karly Page-

Suggested some events such as a meet/greet with local people who have made a name for themselves such as
Cooper Mayes, Glen Allen, Ben Briley etc.; Haunted Trail near the Fort; Fall Fests at the schools; Incorporate the
peach history and have a "Peach Festival" bake or cook off; Veterans night; Trivia night with historical facts;
Scavenger hunt throughout the city.

Vice-Chair Sharon Templeton-

- Begin advertising in January to avoid scheduling conflicts.
- Incorporate this celebration in with existing events already scheduled.
- Riverboat will not be available.

Member Glenda Johnson-

- Fall color tour throughout subdivisions in Kingston and send letters to residents notifying them of the tours.
- Wants all businesses involved in the parade.

Secretary Jack Sims-

- Suggested they start setting dates for each program/event to advertise and prepare. Nancy Hamilton mentioned that any advertising can also be sent home with students.
- Mentioned that the re-enactors from Oak Ridge have already spoke with him along with various out of state groups.
- Re-enactment vendors have reached out with period specific crafts/goods
- Needs a firm date for the re-enactment at the Fort. Suggests 18-20th. Member McPherson also suggested that is the 3rd Saturday in October (TN vs Alabama game which is a home game). Secretary Sims will check with the groups to see who is available and when and report back at the January meeting.

Member Sonny Hunter-

Mentioned incorporating the special Olympics in activities such as tug-of-war, sack race, etc.

Member Robert Bailey-

- He has been looking through files to collect info/articles/pics. How do we make this accessible to the public?
- Prefers he provide a script for the re-enactors at the old courthouse.
- Member McPherson suggested the articles be digitized and displayed on an indoor or outdoor screen for public viewing. Chair Brown mentioned that the RSCC TV station has agreed to show any videos.

Mayor Neal

- Plans to move the council meeting in October 2024 to the old courthouse.
- Wants to set the date of October 23, 2024 as the official date to invite the Governor, Congress, Senators, etc. possible around 2pm and ask the RCHS band to attend. Prepare to allow students to attend??
- Possibility of incorporating something into one of the football games.

Chair Brown yielded to Levi Lankford who commented on the logo; mentioned a hall of statutes; suggested reaching out to Ft. Loudon's re-enactment group; and requested we keep him informed about the events for Food trucks so he can get them scheduled ASAP.

Meeting Adjourned 6:02pm



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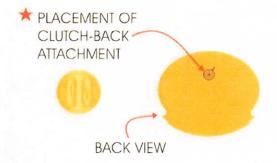
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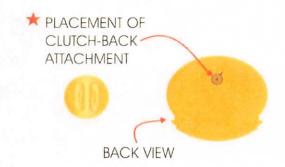
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