



Board Meeting
Wednesday February 15th, 2023
12:00 PM Martin County Arts Council
Minutes

PRESENT

Jeremiah Taylor, Chase Conner, Ila Parker, Judy Wobbleton, Glinda Fox, Walter Whitfield, Andrew Kuhn

CALL TO ORDER

Chase Conner called the meeting to order at 12:05.

MINUTES

Jeremiah made a motion to approve the minutes from the October meeting. Judy seconded the motion. The minutes were passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report as of 02/15/2023 showed \$400 (memberships) in revenue and -\$100 in expenses (SBW Dollars & Arts Council Memberships). The balance of the account showed \$27,230.28. Judy made a motion to approve the financial report. Ila seconded the motion. The financial report passed.

MAJOR UPDATES

Disc Golf Project:

No major updates

Downtown Planters:

The tree planters were damaged after the removal of the large Ginko trees. Last month the planters were repaired by an outside contractor for \$7,000. The town of Williamston hopes to have new trees planted soon, with spring fast approaching. Town staff has met with several arborists who will provide suggestions and a plan for planting new trees and upkeep.

Downtown Building Improvements:

101 W Main (V&M Main Street)

The 101 West Main renovation project is now completed. The project began in June 2022. The building was in rough shape, especially the back end of the building. In January, the side of the building was painted white. The building is now separated into two parts (101a & 101b). The front (101a) will have a coffee shop. The back of the building (101b) was intended to be an office space initially, but it has had some interest as a record shop.

108 W Main (Committee of 100)

The Committee of 100 has completed phase 1, which included repairing the roof and gutting the building. Phase 2 is set to begin soon after receiving a quote from the contractor. The main hiccup has been getting quotes from the contractors. In addition, the Facade was worse than expected, with water and termite damage ruining the primary facade support.

118 W Main (Baker & White)

No Updates

118 Washington St (Martin Supply)

No updates

River Front Development:

The Town of Williamston received a \$750,000 Appropriations Grant from the State for the boardwalk extension. Unfortunately, that amount did not cover the new estimated cost, so the town has applied for a \$100,000 trails grant. The estimated cost for the boardwalk completion is \$949,000. The town hopes to hear back soon from the NC Parks & Rec. (Awards will be announced in April)

MARTIN COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL

The bricks are currently being reworked and currently removing and replacing damaged bricks and replacing the Mortar.

The African American Art Exhibit is now up and will stay until Early March.

The Arts Council will have a “Spring Sairee” fundraising drive on April 15th. Will include reverse raffles, modeled after the Williamston Fire Department. They need to sell at least 100 tickets.

Color Run will occur on the first Saturday of May (May 6th)

WOMAN'S CLUB

New Representative: Namoi Roberts

E.J. HAYES ALUMNI CENTER

Currently renovating three classrooms after receiving an \$8,000 donation.

Walter mentioned trying to utilize the outdoor areas on the property. He mentioned having food trucks and possibly a pig-picking contest in that area.

FRIENDS OF THE OLD COURTHOUSE

The outside ramp is now complete.

DISCUSSION

The Roanoke River Partners, Martin County Travel Tourism & Williamston Downtown Inc. are partnering up and having an "A Day on the River" event on April 1st at Mortac Park. The Paddle will start at 8am at Moratoc Park, venture through Devils Gut, and end at Astoria Landing just after lunch, where the Herring Festival takes place a mile away in Downtown Jamesville. Registration runs from 6:15am to 7:15am at the Moratoc Park in Williamston. Pre-registration forms can be filled out by contacting the Tourism office at 252-792-6605 or email info@visitmartincounty.com.

To pre-register your team for the cornhole tournament, please email akuhn@townofwilliamston.com or messages us on Facebook! (Pre-registration ends March 27th) Registration runs from 9:00am - 10:00am at Moratoc Park in Williamston. The team entry fee is \$20. 1st place will receive a trophy and 60% of the pot. 2nd place will receive 30% of the pot.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:53 PM.