

TENNESSEE COMMISSION FOR THE UNITED STATES SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL COMMISSION

Microsoft Teams Video Conference Nashville, Tennessee

Minutes November 5, 2021

The Tennessee Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial Commission met this day at 9:00 AM CT for a meeting both in person and utilization of a Microsoft Teams forum. Notice being given seven (7) days prior on the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development website. The meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM CT by Chairman Carroll Van West. Roll was called and a quorum was established, with the following members present:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Mark Ezell	Steve Gaines
Ashley Howell	Patrick McIntyre
Chuck Sherrill	Carroll Van West
Cecile Wimberley	

MEMBERS ABSENT

Rep. Clark Boyd Rep. G.A. Hardaway

Sen. Rusty Crowe Jennifer Core

Sen. Todd Gardenhire Dr. Warren Dockter

GUESTS PRESENT

Melanie Beauchamp, Department of Tourist Development, Assistant Commissioner, Rural Tourism & Outreach

Ashley Fuqua, Department of Tourist Development, Legislative Liaison & Assistant General Counsel, Acting Attorney & Secretary for the Commission

Andi Grindley, Department of Tourist Development, Outreach Projects Coordinator

AGENDA

Welcome, West

Welcome and Call to Order.

Housekeeping, Fuqua



- Roll Call. 7 members were present, 6 members were absent at the time of the roll call.
- A statement of necessity will be filed with the Tennessee Secretary of State's Office per Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-44-108(a)(3). The Statement of Necessity was read into the record at the onset of the meeting, per statutory requirements for electronic meetings, and rendered as essential to continue the business of the Commission and its discussion and planning of the community input meetings and acceptance of the America 250 Foundation grant.
- Approved the August Minutes of the Commission without a reading, as the Minutes were provided to members in advance of the meeting. Motion by Ezell with second by Howell, all members voted in favor, none opposed. Motion carries.

New Business, West

- 1. <u>Public Input Meetings Discussion</u>, West discussed necessity of the meetings and importance of including feedback in the end of year report due to the General Assembly.
 - a. <u>Discussion</u>, Wimberley, will the smaller list provided in the agenda be the actual meetings. Initial list was much longer. West, this list and less cities allows us to gather information to include in report. Other city meetings will occur in the new year, 2022. Wimberley, will there be consideration of a Zoom meeting as to gather statewide input. West, Jennifer Core had offered this suggestion before and happy to speak with her to set up this type of meeting.
 - b. Meeting Dates:

December 6, 2021: Knoxville: East TN Historical Society Kingsport

December 7, 2021: Nashville: Tennessee Historical Commission December 8, 2021: Memphis

- c. Motion, Melanie Beauchamp, TDTD will need to possibly move dates due to outstanding commitments. West assured that was a possibility. The Commission discussed approving a schedule of meetings along the lines of what was proposed in the agenda with input on actual dates by tourism department and the addition of one online meeting. Motion by Wimberley, second by Sherrill. All members voted in favor, none opposed. Motion carries.
- 2. <u>America 250 Foundation Grant</u>, West, we need to approve and enter into the agreement discussed previously. The grant will be granted to the East Tennessee Historical Society for the benefit of the Commission.
 - a. <u>Discussion</u>, Wimberley, is the use of the America 250 Foundation grant logo approved for use. Fuqua, all good on TDTD's end. Money will still need to go to the East Tennessee Historical Society due to Central Procurement policies.



- b. Motion, To approve the grant. Motion by Wimberley, second by Sherill. All members voted in favor, none opposed. Motion carries.¹
- 3. America 250 Meeting Update, West, there was a discussion of different states' commissions. 18 now. Wish to split into regions soon. A call will occur on November 16, 2021, for the Southeast region.
- 4. <u>Southeast Regional Office of the Parks Service Meeting Update</u>, West, the park has a point person with the Park Service who is working with the America 250 and will work with a committee on the Southeast regional. Tennessee's representative with come from the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Announcement that the park service will not have a special initiative for funding for the America 250. The funding will run through the America 250 Foundation. Will continue to listen into meetings for updates to provide the Commission. Meeting occurred in Atlanta.

Announcements, West

- Fuqua made a statement that she did not see anyone on the call wishing to make public comments but if someone appeared, comments were welcomed. There were no public comments.
- West, hopefully a lot of public comments in December.
- Wimberley, when will be have a final list of December dates? Beauchamp, will look through dates and provide to Chairman West.

Closing Remarks, West

West thanked everyone for attending and provided that an update will be sent the following week regarding community input meetings. West, Dismiss as business has been concluded, with second by Ezell. The meeting adjourned at 9:22 am.

Approved:

12/10/2021

Date

Ashley Fuqua, Acting Secretary

Department of Tourist Development

¹ Gaines had a bad connection but confirmed he voted in the affirmative.