



**Centennial Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2025, at 11:30 a.m.**

Co-Chair Hansen called the Regular Centennial Committee Meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. on May 12, 2025.

The following attended at Town Hall, 441 White Pine Drive, Laurel Park NC 28739:

- Co-Chair Dunn
- O'Cain
- Mayor O'Cain
- Drake
- Wilson
- Crowell
- Curry
- Anderson
- Finance Officer Kidd
- Town Clerk Banks

The following were absent:

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Co-Chair Dunn made a motion to approve the agenda. Wilson approved the motion.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Co-Chair Dunn asked for a motion to approve the minutes for April 7th, 2025, meeting. Wilson approved the motion.

OLD BUSINESS

Sponsorships Update

Finance Officer Kidd said she spoke with Pardee Hospital, and they cut a check on May 8, 2025, and I should receive it one day this week. She said we have received the money from all other sponsors. L. O'Cain ask if we have received all the sponsors' logos and was advised we have not. L. O'Cain said she and Mayor O'Cain will call the sponsors and see if they can get them to send in their logos.

Scavenger Hunt Update

Anderson said he has about seventy-five booklets left to leave or hand out.

Centennial Coins Update

Drake stated he would like Challenge Coins to say Centennial Coins. He would like the Police Officers to hand out to other departments, LEO, First responders. He stated we just need to get them out so that we are not left with hundreds afterwards. Mayor O'Cain said he would take some to the next LGCCA meeting to hand out to the other Town Council Members and County Commissioners as well. Crowell said to have some available at the dinner for sale along with the book.

Art on Main Update

Co-Chair Dunn stated all the paperwork on our end has been submitted and she has not heard anything back yet.

Bear Update

Online bidding for the bears will start September 25, 2025, and will be virtual. Mayor O'Cain said to move this to the June 9, 2025, agenda. Crowell stated that the graphic for the bears base has been ordered but not here yet. Mayor O'Cain also stated he would like the old bear at Laurel Green Park to be moved to the Ecusta Trail and would contact Brandon about that.

Historical Book Update

Crowell stated everything was going to the printer this morning and should be in hand by early this afternoon. He ordered 100 copies, and he suggested that we sell for \$30-\$35 to recoup some of the cost.

Town Picnic July 5th Update

Curry stated she added in fans, extension cords everything has been ordered. Dunn will fill out the alcohol application and turn in. Mayor O'Cain said to add the Alcohol permit to the next work session meeting for approval. Dunn stated the picnic is for Laurel Park residents and is free. Dunn said to get it out there send out on Blackboard connect, FB, Friends of Laurel Park and sending out cards. Dunn also stated WHKP wants to be involved, and all agreed it would be good but not use it as an advertisement but rather speak about the Laurel Park 100-year Centennial and to thank all the sponsors. Council also stated they would like Chief Trotter to attend the next meeting to discuss where officer will be during the event.

Historical Presentation Centennial Night

Curry said she will order thirteen easels to display all the historic photos. Curry also mentioned she would need people to help bring photos to the Country Club. Mayor O'Cain stated on one side he would also like to display the new Hwy 64 changes as well. Mayor O'Cain asked Crowell what the time frame looks like on his historical presentation, and he stated he would base it off of the audience, but he was thinking around 30 minutes or so. Curry said she would create an agenda to hand out to everyone. Mayor O'Cain said he would do the opening welcome and a tribute to Co-Chair Hansen, Fain will say a prayer, Dunn will speak thanking all the sponsors. Knox also stated we would need a cash box as a back up in case Finance Office Kidd was not able to get the square for the town in time to take credit card payments. Kidd said she was still looking into it.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Flower beds for the Centennial – Anderson said they would like to plant flowers in the shape of 100 in the center of the flower bed for the 100-year Centennial. This would cost the Centennial Committee around \$250. Mayor O’Cain approved it. Anderson stated he would let Judy know so they could discuss it at the Parks and Greenway meeting on 5/13/25.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Dunn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:38 pm. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.