

Manchester Tourism and Community Development Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
August 14, 2023

Members Present-Lori West, Erin Kehely, Joseph Sherrill & Lori Watson

Members Absent-Joey Hobbs & Lori Perry

Others Present-Mayor Marilyn Howard, Alderman Julie Anderson,  
Chamber Director, Katy Riddle, MPR Director, AJ Fox, Manchester Times  
Editor, John Coffelt.

Members of the Community-Stacey Slabaugh, Deb Morgan, Christopher  
Miller, Erica Vaughn, Donna Toney, Jay Walker, Regina Horne, Ellen  
Shannon, Gorden Revey, Jimmy Jernigan, & Christy Hite-Chilton.

Lori West called the meeting to order at 6pm. There was a quorum present.

Erin Kehely made a motion to approve the July minutes, Joseph Sherrill,  
seconded, motion carried.

Citizens Comments/Questions:

Deb Morgan with "Save Old Stone Fort Bridge" presented the committee  
with packets of information, slideshow of pictures and spoke upon the  
motivation of preservation regarding the bridge located at Old Stone Fort  
that is slated to be replaced in the future by the Tennessee Dept of  
Transportation.

Alderman Julie Anderson spoke in regards of thanking Deb Morgan for the  
information presented to the committee and stated she would be drafting a  
resolution of intent of preserving the bridge to be presented to the Board of  
Mayor and Alderman at their next meeting.

Register of Deeds, Donna Toney spoke to the committee on her thoughts  
of the number of volunteers that work on preserving the records/ history  
and also spoke of family memories of the bridge.

Christopher Miller, spoke in regards of the number of foot traffic the bridge produces and low-cost maintenance of the bridge and felt that there was no benefit of replacing the bridge.

Manchester Chamber of Commerce-Katy Riddle updated the committee on the TNTD grant that the committee had applied for, she was hoping to hear back within the week on the results.

Katy also spoke about the meeting with TWRA. She and Lori West had met with TWRA regarding the "Emerson" property for a recommendation on the possible land usage of a kayak launch. Discussion was had on results and further evaluation was needed from the committee. Another look at the property could be evaluated by the mayor and other committee members. TBD of date for another look at property.

Manchester Parks & Recreation-AJ Fox gave an update of happenings at the facility. Included were, Fall Fast-Pitch League, After School program, Home School PE program and upcoming staff meeting for more event planning.

South Central TN Tourism-Dominic Gialdini-ABSENT no report

New Business-Lori West presented the committee with several mailings of magazines, and flyers of Christmas decorations. She stated that in the next couple of months we will be able to purchase some items and if the committee had any ideas of what should be purchased or wanted to look at the mailings they could. More future discussion forthcoming.

Old Business-NONE

Committee Reports-Erin Kehely gave a report of an All-Star softball tournament that was held at Dave King Park. Fifteen (15) teams from around Middle TN & Northern Alabama participated, did not charge participating teams, (teams consisted of minimum 10 players, not including coaches) but a little over 500 spectator wristbands were sold for the event. Very happy with the turnout, very happy with amount of business it may have brought to Manchester and she was in talks to hold more 1-2-day tournaments.

Lori West gave a report on the MAC, they had a production of "SpongeBob Square Pants" over a two-weekend span. Both weekends had sold-out shows which hopefully produced more business to the downtown area.

Lori West also informed the committee of a recent guest by the name of Alan Pitner who represented SCTTA, had recently unexpectedly passed away. She wanted the committee to be thinking of his family and colleagues during this difficult time.

Erin Kehely made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Joseph Sherrill, seconded, motion carried.

Adjournment 6:31 p.m.