

250 Celebration Committee Minutes

Date: September 27, 2023

Group: General Meeting

Attendees: Chase Conner, Co-Chair, Wayne Peel, Michael Taylor, Ila Parker, Betsy Kennedy, Tina Brown, Henrietta Williams

Minutes:

While we still have planning, approvals, and permitting to work through for events, below is what the group worked on this past meeting.

- **Schedule of Events for 250th Weekend - DRAFT**
 - Annual Dinner (Thursday, March 14th) - Formal Kickoff Event
 - Friday, March 15th - County Tours of Historic Sites
 - Saturday, March 16th
 - Parade of the Towns (Downtown Williamston)
 - "Made in Martin" style Festival at Moratoc Park
 - Throughout year: Events with 250th Branding associated with them
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- **2024 Community Schedule of Events - DRAFT**
 - Creating a Master Calendar of major events already occurring in 2024 that could partner with 250th branding
 - What the group come up with thus far is attached...*not all events will be listed, just those who partner with 250th branding.*

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- **Next steps**
 - Contacting Fire/Rescue/Police/Sheriff Office to coordinate parade route and festival safety.
 - Contacting Permit Department, Town Staff, & DOT on road closures for event.
 - Contacting Town of Williamston for use of their property by River.
 - Contacting NC Wildlife on usage of their Boat Ramp for parking during the event.
 - Contacting Martin County Transit for bus tours logistics.

- Working with maintenance staff and other county personnel to ensure Moratoc Park area is suitable for event.
- Creating a stand-alone Social Media page for Martin County 250th Celebration.
- Meeting with the Executive Committee to discuss funding and next steps.

Next Community Input Meeting is on November 1st, 2023 at 6pm the NC

Telecenter. This event is community-led and planned and we are working to brand it as such so that everyone knows they can participate regardless of when their event is throughout the year. We expect the meeting groups to get smaller as planning goes along, as many committees are working independently and sending their reports to Chase Conner, Director of Tourism and Co-Chair for the 250th Planning group.