

Special Projects Meeting
Thursday, January 23, 2025, at 2 PM
Sky Valley City Hall – 3608 Highway 246
Sky Valley, Georgia

Minutes

Members Present: Bruce Turner, Chairman, Grace Guess, Rick Rahn, Jim Rhodes, Ken Sigler, Gordon Brand, Ryan DuBois, Chuck Fite

Staff Present: Communications Specialist Van Camp

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Turner called to meeting to order at 2:00 PM
2. **Approval of Minutes**
September 18, 2024—Special Projects Meeting. Grace made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Jim, unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

3. **Fall Festival – Discussion of 2024 Festival and Ways to Make it Better for 2025**

Shuttles: 2024- used city Kubotas to shuttle people with small trailers and hay—worked well. We plan to use the Kubotas again in 2025

Vendors: 25 booths were rented in 2024. We would like to have more vendors in 2025. Invitations will go out earlier and market to area social media pages

Band: The Band McCrackin will play during the day at the Country Club patio in 2024. It seemed that they were not in the ideal location. 2025-perhaps under the Lakeside Pavilion.

Food Trucks: 2024-3 food trucks committed to the event, but NONE showed up on the date. 2025—perhaps let the Country Club provide lunch options for all. Lunch boxes could include cold sandwiches, so the boxes would be ready for pickup at the time of ordering. Menu choices would be shared with vendors and car show participants early in the morning, so their lunches could be delivered or eaten at the club patio. Kona Ice will still be invited.

Signs and Maps to Hand Out: 2024- paper maps with a QR code for times and list of events

Volunteers: 2024—very few volunteers helped with the event. 2025 Volunteers are needed to make the event successful. And more signage to direct to vendors and car show areas.

Kids' Events:

2024 and 2025 Pumpkin painting (under portico at the old lodge) city will provide supplies), hayride, and fire truck rides.

Dog Costume Contest and Pet Parade: 2024—very low participation--1:15 for parade and 2:00 for costume judging. The registration will be located near the club restrooms and pavilion. Registration will be open from 10 AM – 1 PM 2025—Cancelled due to low participation.

Jim will check with the Blue Bus to check on reservations for them at the festival.

Cathy Turner plans to contact a group of ladies to do face painting.

2025—The committee discussed the possibility of pumpkin bowling, pumpkin tossing to a target area, and pumpkin rolling. This topic will be discussed more at the next meeting. Small prizes could be awarded.

Classic Car Show: Just as in 2024, The car show will be held in ½ of the lodge parking lot—the side closest to the lodge. Trophies will be awarded to the top 10 vehicles. Dash plates, donuts, and goody bags will also be given to the participants. Chuck Fite attended the meeting. He is working with Rick and Grace on the car show this year.

Hayrides: The rides will start near the Ed Morley Bridge and go to Mud Creek Falls. The city plans to have 2 tractors and trailers for use that day.

Hay bale Trail: The city will purchase 30 bales and advertise to citizens and businesses to participate. The University Row will be by the post office area. We would like to see more bales added this year if possible.

Publicity: Social media, city websites, the Laurel, Clayton Tribune (community event), Forward Rabun, flyers, lawn signs, and city announcements will be sent out by Sherron.

There will be no electricity or wi-fi provided by the old lodge, so generators will be needed to provide power for the vendors and the announcement trailer.

ADJOURNMENT

Gordon made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jim. Unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherron Van Camp, Communications Specialist