



Tourism Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 05, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:34pm.

Notice of Open Meeting

The meeting was noticed according to law.

Approval of Agenda

Famularo motioned to approve the agenda, with a second by Hammer. The motion was carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

1. Consider and take action regarding approving the Tourism Commission meeting minutes from November 3, 2025

Roelke motioned to approve the meeting minutes as presented from November 3, 2025. Famularo seconded the motion.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Public Comment

There were no members of the public for comment in attendance, and no correspondence was received by staff.

New Business

2. Consider and take action to approve Tourism Grant final reports

Bennett presented the final reports from the 2025 tourism grant awardees. Bennett made recommendations to approve all of the awarded grants except for the Historical Society's as they reached out to have the award rescinded as they could not host their grand opening event for their museum in 2025. They would apply in 2026. The inclusion of photos for the reports and some of the analytics were well received. Walcott commented that the photos will be useful for future marketing of these events.

Famularo motioned to approve the reimbursements as recommended by staff. Roelke seconded the motion. Additional discussion included staff giving advice for improving marketability of photos and for copyright sensitive events, look at good rehearsal pics.

Bennett gave a roll call vote: Walker - aye, Hammer - aye, Famularo - aye, Walcott - aye, and Roelke - aye. The motion was carried unanimously.

Adjourn

The Tourism Commission discussed its next meeting date and set it for February 2nd, 2026. They would like to discuss event marketing ideas and Famularo would like to learn more about Placer.ai.

Famularo motioned to adjourn the meeting with a second by Roelke. The motion was carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:57pm.

*A quorum of city committees and/or commissions may be present at this meeting. No action will be taken or considered by those committees and/or commissions.

** These minutes will be approved at a future meeting and may be amended. These minutes are respectfully submitted by David Bennett, Communications and Economic Development Coordinator **