

Board Members in Attendance (term expiration):

	Susana Vazquez (2026)	X	Julie Smitherman (2028)
	Sean Hilty (2026)	X	Kirk Lightfoot (2028)
X	Marissa Wilson (2026)	X	Ken Jones (2028)
X	Stephanie Benitez (2026)	X	Clay Nordan (2028)
X	Wesley Hallman (2026)	X	Kathy King (2028)
X	Tonia Mayton (2027)	X	Courtney Bennett (Ex Officio)
X	Patricia Honeycutt (2027)	X	Mayor Nix (Ex Officio)
	Jackie Chappell (2027)	X	Adele Nelson (Ex Officio)
X	Susan Lehman (2027)		Junior Mayor (Ex Officio)
	Sarah Hogan Shaw (2027)		MDCD Representative (Ex Officio)

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

President Kirk Lightfoot called the meeting to order at 8:04 AM.

Minutes were reviewed from the meeting on June 11, 2026. *On a motion by Ken Jones, seconded by Kathy King, minutes were approved as presented.*

Treasurer's Report

In the absence of Treasurer Sarah Hogan Shaw, Executive Director Courtney Bennett presented a report dated 7/6/26 indicating:

- Income Statement (Profit & Loss for 6/10-7/6): \$7,594.03
- Balance Sheet (as of 7/6): \$52,530.13
- Outstanding checks: \$2,493.64
- Net Statement Balance (as of 7/6): \$50,340.96

Revenue Sources

- **Membership Dues:** \$478.29 (YTD: \$5,178.05)
 - **General Level:** Anderson Eye Care, Cedar Advisory, Montevallo Realty
 - **Individual:** Urmish Patel
- **Interest from Commercial Sweep (now retained within sweep instead of being deposited into Checking Account):**
 - \$81.92
- **Business Basics:** \$18.74
 - 2 tickets sold

- **Refunds from Pizza Hut:**
 - \$6.29
- **Grant Disbursements:**
 - **2nd Half of Main Street Alabama Grant (murals at 665 and 603 Main):** \$10,000
 - **CAWACO RC&D 2026 CO.STARTERS Grant:** \$5,500

On a motion by Julie Smitherman, seconded by Patricia Honeycutt, the financial reports were approved as presented.

President's Report

President Kirk Lightfoot recognized the following for being recognized at the Montevallo Chamber of Commerce's Community Awards on June 23:

- Magic Maker: Montevallo Legacy Project
- Civic Leader of the Year: Herman and Susan Lehman
- Chamber Business Hall of Fame Main Street District Inductees: It's About Time Barbershop, Montevallo Realty

He also distributed the What's Next, Montevallo? Community Conversations Report. Semiquincentennial Celebrations included the America 250 Alabama flags Main Street sponsored to be displayed at Main Street intersections, as well as participating in Light to Unite, and he thanked businesses for decorating as well such as Bradford Real Estate Group. He volunteered at Sweet Home 250 Fest at American Village. Kirk also reported that the following representatives will attend Main Street Alabama's Summit of Excellence in Enterprise (Aug. 19-21): Courtney, Tonia, Susan, Herman, Patricia, Marissa, Kirk, Rachel, and Lelia.

Committee Reports

Organization Committee:

No report.

Design Committee:

Committee Chair, Julie Smitherman, reported that Light to Unite was a low-cost, high-impact effort that should be replicated for other events, including College Night; and there are no Facade Grant updates this month.

Promotion Committee:

In the absence of Committee Chair, Sarah Hogan Shaw, Patricia Honeycutt reported that the committee discussed ideas for the 2026 Main Street Alabama Grant; they recapped the Decade on Main Party on June 13, noting that while we wish the crowd was bigger, those who attended had fun and the memory boards turned out well; Piper Peach Media began working with us, the Montevallo Chamber, and the 10 participating businesses this month; live music at Meri Moon's "Pickin' on the Porch" and upcoming live music at the Dive Bar brings vibrancy to downtown and we hope it continues; 234 attended the June Friday Nights at the Cove, and our final concert of the season will be July 24; Welcome Week Craft for

incoming UM students is scheduled for Sunday, August 16 from 1-4 PM at Parnell Memorial Library; the 4th Annual Dia de Muertos Festival will be held Sunday, November 1, from 2-9 PM in the Orr Park Pecan Grove; the City Wide Yard Sale was a success, and the committee discussed future events; Business Basics in August has been moved to August 12; and all board members are encouraged to post on social media whenever they find a cool new product downtown, eat a great meal, etc. to help advertise our small businesses.

Economic Vitality Committee:

Committee Chair, Ken Jones, reported that the Housing Study Project Team will conduct a site visit to Montevallo July 20-22, and all are encouraged to attend the Open House event scheduled for July 22 from 4:30-6 PM at Parnell Memorial Library; Ken mentioned a recent news article about zoning being considered in Calera; the committee reviewed the What's Next, Montevallo? report; and Ken noted that several downtown properties are now for sale/rent, presenting new opportunities.

Executive Director's Report

Activity Report

Courtney Bennett reported that there is no update regarding our former UM intern, Bex Pickering, regarding the self-guided walking tour; she attended the Decade on Main Celebration on June 13; 4th Annual Juneteenth Celebration on June 19; KASH Market at Montevallo Farmers' Market on June 22; Community Awards Banquet, presenting the Magic Maker Award on June 23; she and Kirk presented a donation presentation to American Village on June 25; and she attended the Grillin With Pride event at Team Lehman/Su Casa on June 26.

Business Transitions

- **Opened this month:**
 - n/a
- **Business closings & relocations:**
 - n/a
- **Properties for sale/rent within the District:**
 - **Sale:**
 - 747 Main Street (lot): University of Montevallo Request for Bids; bids due July 21, 2026 at 2 PM at Calkins Hall
 - Former Montevallo Office Plaza: call Keith Shamblin at (205) 515-1752
 - 955 Main Street (former Blue Phrog Gallery): call Nathan Stamps at (205) 665-0095
 - 628-626 Main Street (former El Agave and Lucky Penny): call Susana Vazquez at (205) 796-5429
 - 727 Middle Street (former JP Building Co. office): call Anna Picklesimer at (205) 229-2499
 - Lot on Island Street for sale or build to suit—listed by Bob Nesbitt, (205) 939-8219



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■ Rent:

- 440 Middle Street: Call Montevallo Realty at (205) 665-4689
- 1259 Ashville Road, Suite 600: Call Shoal Creek Realty at (205) 567-9659

University of Montevallo Report

Wesley Hallman gave a report on the University of Montevallo.

City of Montevallo Report

Mayor Rusty Nix reported on the status of various projects throughout the city.

Old Business

- Volunteer hours were collected.
- The 2026 Main Street Alabama grant opportunity was discussed. *On a motion by Patricia Honeycutt, seconded by Tonia Mayton, the Board voted to apply for a grant to install two new murals by Bill Beebe at Provenance Church and the Team Lehman storage shed.*

New/Other Business

- Results from the Downtown Montevallo Alive! Survey were discussed.

Announcements/Upcoming Events

- **Every Monday:** Montevallo Farmers' Market will be held from 3-6 PM at 660 Main Street (behind Montevallo First Baptist Church) every Monday until August 17. Hosted by Montevallo Chamber of Commerce.
- **Wednesday, July 15:** Montevallo Chamber of Commerce hosts their monthly luncheon at Parnell Memorial Library. Networking begins at 11:30 AM and lunch (\$15) starts at noon. This month is First Responders Appreciation, featuring speakers from the Montevallo Police and Fire Departments. RSVP to montevallochamber@gmail.com or (205) 665-1519 by July 10.
- **Friday, July 17 - Sunday, July 19:** Back to School Sales Tax Holiday. Visit Alabama Department of Revenue's website for more information.
- **Wednesday, July 22:** As part of our Downtown Housing Study conducted in partnership with Main Street Alabama and Downtown Professionals Network, we will host a Concepts and Strategies Open House from 4:30 to 6:00 PM, with a presentation at ~5:15 PM at Montevallo City Hall.
- **Friday, July 24:** Join us in beautiful downtown Montevallo for Friday Nights at the Cove (737 Main Street)! Live music starts at 6:30 PM. Don't forget to bring your chair and dinner from a downtown restaurant! Mother May I is a precise-sounding musical group playing their mix of Motown, R&B, Classic Rock, 80's Retro, Old School Funk, current Top 40, and everything in-between. This Birmingham-based band performs with a flair, intensity, and stage presence that is all their own! Mother May I was inducted into the Alabama Blues Hall of Fame in 2025. Sponsored by Mayor Nix & Family.

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2026.

On a motion by Patricia Honeycutt, seconded by Susan Lehman, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marissa Wilson, Secretary