

Board Members in Attendance (term expiration):

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

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

President Kirk Lightfoot called the meeting to order at 8:04 AM. Emily Gill, Art Walk Coordinator, was welcomed as a guest.

Minutes were reviewed from the meeting on August 13, 2026. *On a motion by Julie Smitherman, seconded by Patricia Honeycutt, minutes were approved as presented.*

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Sarah Hogan Shaw presented a report dated 9/9/26 indicating:

- Income Statement (Profit & Loss for 8/10-9/9): -\$10,957.25
- Balance Sheet (as of 9/9): \$41,310.93
- Outstanding checks: \$100
- Net Statement Balance (as of 9/9): \$41,301.91

Revenue Sources

- **Interest from Commercial Sweep (now retained within sweep instead of being deposited into Checking Account):**
 - \$90.98
 - \$200 in monthly maintenance fees refunded
- **Business Basics:** \$75.56
 - 8 tickets sold
- **CO.STARTERS Course Fees:** \$869.58
 - 9 collected
- **Veteran Banners:** \$489.80
 - 1 sold, and \$200 balance of another sold
- **Grant funds received from Main Street Alabama:** \$10,000

- **Dia de Muertos Vendor Fees: \$984.25**
 - 2 food trucks, 2 food tent spots, 2 goods vendors

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

President's Report

President Kirk Lightfoot reported that the mural project being completed by Bill Beebe as part of our 2026 grant from Main Street Alabama is underway and will be complete by September 15; he reported on our annual Accreditation visit from Main Street Alabama on September 2; and Emily Gill, coordinator of Montevallo Art Walk, was welcomed as a guest to discuss her upcoming event.

Committee Reports

Organization Committee:

Committee Chair, Kirk Lightfoot, requested that Board members support our fundraising efforts through the Make Your Mark Foundation, and noted that 3-5 Board members are needed to serve directly in these efforts; anyone interested is invited to contact him or Courtney. He also asked Board members to support our fundraising efforts through the upcoming 2027 Monte Gras Ball through encouraging ticket and table sales. A new President-Elect is also needed beginning in 2027 to serve alongside the incoming President when she begins her term; anyone interested is invited to contact him or Courtney.

Design Committee:

Committee Chair, Julie Smitherman, reported that some rose bushes were taken down at the Post Office because they have died, and we have decided not to replace them due to previous difficulties with watering, etc.; the Veteran Banner program continues to grow, with 179+ individuals participating; the committee discussed the possibility of opening up a new round of Façade Grants but have not taken any action; and preparations are being made for our Annual Holiday Storefront Decoration Contest.

Promotion Committee:

Committee Chair, Sarah Hogan Shaw, reported that 45 UM students attended our Welcome Week Craft Party this year; Montevallo Main Street will officially be billed as the Catrina Contest Sponsor at Dia de Muertos; sponsors/vendors are now being accepted for this event; the Flock Party will be held October 8 at 6:30 PM featuring live music by Color the Night, co-sponsored by Main Street and Discover Shelby; street closure for this event will be 1 PM to midnight.

Economic Vitality Committee:

Committee Chair, Ken Jones, reported that he represented Main Street at a meeting earlier this month with the marketing director for Cobblestone, who reported that they plan to hire a General Manager who will be a liaison with the community; Herman's report he shared with the committee after attending the Summit of Excellence will be discussed next month in detail; CO.STARTERS has 14 participants representing 13 businesses.

Executive Director's Report

Activity Report

Courtney Bennett reported that she attended a meeting with Dr. Johnson and Kirk on Aug. 13; internship meeting with Adele and Wesley on Aug. 15; participated in the Welcome Week Craft Party on Aug. 16; met with Steve and prospective business owners on Aug. 18; attended the Summit of Excellence Aug. 18-20; represented Main Street at the CAWACO RC&D Press Event with Legislators on Aug. 25; appeared as a guest on the Breaking Bread Radio show on Aug. 26 and on Talk of Alabama on Aug. 27; participated in the accreditation visit with Shelly Paasch from Main Street Alabama on Sept. 2; represented Main Street on Sept. 3 for the Ed Farm Tour in partnership with the Made in Montevallo Foundation; had a meeting with prospective intern Brayden George on Sept. 4; and attended multiple Inauguration Committee/Flock Party meetings.

Business Transitions

1. Opened this month:
 1. n/a
2. Opening soon:
 1. The Brick loft (727 Middle Street), date TBA
3. Ownership transition:
 1. 950 Main Street (former KFC)
4. Business closings & relocations:
 1. n/a
5. Properties for sale/rent within the District:
 1. Sale:
 1. Former Montevallo Office Plaza: call Keith Shamblin at (205) 515-1752
 2. 955 Main Street (former Blue Phrog Gallery): call Nathan Stamps at (205) 665-0095
 3. 628-626 Main Street (former El Agave and Lucky Penny): call Susana Vazquez at (205) 796-5429
 4. Lot at 550 Middle Street: call Nathan Stamps at (205) 665-0095
 5. Lot on Island Street for sale or build to suit—call Bob Nesbitt at (205) 939-8219
 2. Rent:
 1. None reported

University of Montevallo Report

Dr. Michelle Johnston 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.

New/Other Business

- Two funding allocation requests were discussed.
 - Organization: Artistic Chair Fundraiser - \$200
 - *On a motion by Sarah Hogan Shaw, seconded by Julie Smitherman, this request was approved.*
 - Organization: Advertising with Piper Peach October – December 2026: \$2,175
 - This vote was tabled and held later by email.

Announcements/Upcoming Events

- **Saturday, September 12:** Alabama's premier, all-woodworking Tinglewood Festival will celebrate "Shavings, Smoke, and Sound" during its 8th year in Montevallo's Orr Park on September 12, 2026. This All Star Shelby County Tourism and Recreation Award winning event will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.
- **Saturday, September 19:** Enjoy Montevallo's first-ever Luau Event, celebrating food, fun, music, and community, from 9 AM - 4 PM at Village on Valley! This event will highlight local businesses C's Cake & Coffee House, Moe & Moore's BBQ, Sunrise Donuts, Navarro's Fresh Market, and Sophie's Kitchen. Activities include Best Hawaiian Shirt Competition, Hula Hoop Competition, Pictures with Stitch, door prizes, and kids' activities including a bouncy house. Sponsored by Dr. Bobby F. Shunnarah. Vendors welcome. Contact Cynthia Bertolone for more information at ccakeandcoffeehouse@gmail.com.
- **Thursday, October 8:** In celebration of University of Montevallo's Founders' Day and the Presidential Inauguration, Montevallo Main Street, Discover Shelby, and the City of Montevallo are partnering to present a free-admission concert called the "Flock Party." Bring your own chair and dinner from your favorite downtown restaurant, and enjoy live music in front of the Palmer gates by Color the Night!

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2026.

On a motion by Sarah Hogan Shaw, seconded by Susana Vazquez, the meeting was adjourned at 9:19 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marissa Wilson, Secretary