

*Downtown Elkin, Inc.  
Minutes  
September 8, 2011  
Yadkin Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Elkin, NC*

*Attendees: Robbin King, Secretary, Larry Irwin, President, Laurette Leagon, Dave George, Nathan DiBagno, Laura Gaylord, Teresa Ray, Jeanette Rushbrook, Treasurer, Phillip Lyles, Ann Mayberry, Theresa Knops, Lynn Childers.*

*President Larry Irwin called the meeting to order at 8:30am.*

*August minutes were approved.*

*It was reported in general that Reevestock was a great success with close to 400 people in attendance. Approximately two thousand dollars was raised for the Reeves Restoration project.*

*There were concerns expressed regarding the tree removal and remaining stumps along Bridge Street. The Advisory Board are planing to place colorful planters where the trees were and this will take time. It will not be completed before Pumpkin Festival. Laura Gaylord suggested adding more trees perhaps within the planters. Teresa Ray will ask Lloyd Payne about this and report back to the group. Teresa Ray also reports the Advisory Board has agreed to put up brackets and banners along the 21 corridor.*

*The weekend of October 1 is the NC Cyclists event. There are 900 cyclists registered at this point and will be more. Laurette reports there will be shuttle buses provided for the cyclists and their family's from Elkin park to Jonesville and between Downtown Elkin to Fairfield Inn. Laurette is still in need of Ambassadors to volunteer on the shuttle buses. Please contact Laurette or Misty at the Chamber office to volunteer.*

*At this time the quilting event has started on Main Street at Sew Welcome. We wish great success to Vicki Whelan and Carol McDowell. Everyone is encouraged to stop in and extend a welcome to the quilters visiting our area.*

*Jeanette Rushbrook, Treasurer, reports Downtown Elkin, Inc. currently has \$3129.44 in its account. Jeanette and Phillip Lyles continue to stay abreast of the tax status and are working with Christopher Kemp to assure the status is updated soon. Mr. Kemp has sent a bill to Downtown Elkin, Inc for \$620.00 at this point. Our status at this time is still suspended.*

*Laurette Leagon reports on Pumpkin Festival. The date is September 24 and will begin at 9am. The pumpkins will be weighed in front of The Tribune. There are approximately 60 vendors so far and Laurette expects more. Natty Bo Duo will be playing as well as the usual childrens games, great food, arts and crafts, childrens pumpkin painting, the Library's used book sale, the quilt show on display at Galloway Episcopal Chapel and more. The Reeves Haunted House will be open for Pumpkin Festival but we do not have the schedule yet.*

*Theresa Knops reports that the Civil War marker has been placed across from the Library. The Advisory Board will landscape around it. There will be 4 directional signs put up within a four mile radius of the marker.*

*On September 27 the Surry/Wilkes Chapter of the Overmountain Victory Trail will be reenacting events at the Elkin Rec Park for children. 225 students are expected to be there. The Overmountain Victory Trail of Abbingdon, Va. Has given the Elkin chapter one thousand dollars to help secure easements for the trail.*

*Theresa Knops reported there will be a workshop at The Elkin Center on September 16 at one o'clock. Business's can register between 1 and 3 pm for GPS, Smartphone apps, etc. This event is free.*

*Phillip Lyles raised the question when is the Town of Elkin going to clean up around the bridge area. This is the responsibility of the DOT. It was suggested that anyone interested should call Dean Ledbetter or Scott Galloway at the DOT.*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Robbin King  
Secretary*