

**McKinney Center Advisory Committee Meeting  
McKinney Center  
103 Franklin Avenue, Jonesborough, TN 37659**

**Meeting Notice  
Thursday, June 18, 2026, 3:30pm**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS**

Members of the public wishing to speak concerning any item on the agenda during the Public Comment period must sign up by calling the McKinney Center Office at 423-153-0562 with their name, address, and subject about which they wish to speak no later than 2 hours before the meeting occurs during normal business hours or by 1:30 p.m. the day of the meeting. Otherwise, such members of the public must sign up at the location of the meeting, prior to the beginning of the meeting, by seeing the McKinney Center Director at the McKinney Center Advisory Board meeting.

Each individual shall be given three (3) minutes to address the McKinney Center Advisory Committee regarding Agenda items. Comments shall be limited to items on the meetings Agenda.

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order:
2. Citizens Comments
3. Approval of Minutes – May 2026
4. Director’s Report
  - a. Past/Ongoing Events Reports
  - b. Budget, Building, and Grounds Report
  - c. Upcoming Events Report
5. Outreach Report
  - a. Outreach Report
  - b. Volunteer Report
6. StoryTown Report
  - a. StoryTown Radio Show/StoryTown Initiatives Report
  - b. Story Collecting/Story Brigade Report
  - c. 250<sup>th</sup> Community Play Report
7. Visitation Report

- a. General Visitors Report
  - b. Class and Student Attendance Report
  - c. Rentals Report
8. Old Business
- a. Documentary Screening, AFRIYE, with Frederic Murphy and History Before Us on August 11. 27minutes. Featuring Afriye Wekandodis and Jonesborough Resident Paul Braxton.
  - b. We have communicated with ISC on future programming and waiting for a response.
9. New Business
- a. Reminder of 2026 Meeting Dates
10. Adjournment

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**Agenda Item**

**Subject** Call to Order

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**Agenda Item**

**Subject** Citizens Comments



**New Business:**

The fall market is August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Advisory committee members discussed possible uses for the Broyles building.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Breanna Walker-Schadler

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**Agenda Item**

**Subject** Director's Report

**A. PAST/ONGOING EVENTS REPORT**

- a. **Spring 2026** - one class left to start on May 28, Vintage Glass Window. We had 233 registrations for spring 2026. We saw a 20% decrease in registrations compared to last spring. The loss of a pottery instructor for 3 classes due to health issues and the loss of Cyanotype instructor, Glass Fusion instructor, and Guitar instructor has also impacted those numbers.
- b. On May 7, we celebrate the semester **with Ms. Brown's End of the Year Program**. We had 221 people in attendance. The staff put together the art exhibit. Our Dance Discovery and Modern Dance classes ended the night with a performance.
- c. **Summer 2026** – all five of our camps in June are full! We are partnering with the Heritage Alliance on a **Tabletop Weaving Workshop** for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders on May 28. The Heritage Alliance will provide students with a brief history on Appalachian Weaving. Our staff, specifically Martha Blazer, will then teach the students how to use the tabletop loom. The students will take home their creation. This is a free event.
- d. **Masterpiece Mingle**, which was on April 24, brought in \$6,517.00 in revenue for the Ernest L. McKinney Scholarship Program.
- e. **Traffic Box Art Wrap** – This month I revised the call for artists, and we got that sent back out to the media. The deadline for those submissions is June 20.
- f. Washington County's Got Teen **Talent was on May 9 – We helped sponsor the event. Skye organized** all the submissions and helped promote the event. Anne and Nori helped by staffing the event at the

Jackson. It was a good partnership, and we are open to assisting in the future if the event is done again.

- g. **Fall 2026** - I've continued to meet and interview instructors for the fall semester. I have started collecting class and workshop descriptions from instructors and Bre has started inputting our regular classes into the online program. I am working on the budgets for classes. I am also meeting with instructors to discuss classes and new classes for the fall semester.
- h. **250<sup>th</sup> Programming with the Jackson Theatre** – Anne and Amber are working on the final coordination for programming.
- i. **C4K Exhibition** – May 21 - My staff and one of our teachers, Sydney Jackson, has led an art class once a week at the Jonesborough School during the after-school program, Coalition 4 Kids. This program was 16 weeks long. We exhibited their artwork on the night of May 21. This program was funded by Kiwanis National. We around approximately 40 people present at the event.
- j. **May 22 – Town Employee Picnic** – offices closed ½ day.
- k. **May 25 – Memorial Day** – Offices closed.
- l. **May 25 – Radio Show** – Show was successful.
- m. **June 1 – 6 – Play in a Week Camp** – Camp was full. Production on Saturday went well.
- n. **June 8 – 12<sup>th</sup> – K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade camps** – Camp was full and successful.

## **B. BUDGET, BUILDINGS, AND GROUNDS – Report**

- a. Update on Berea Traditional Arts Grant
- b. Update on Arts for All Grant for Radio Show 2026 – 2027
- c. Review of Town Budget – not yet approved by BMA
- d. Work on the windows will pick back up on June 1 and should be done in a couple of weeks.
- e. With money left over from the Tennessee State Preservation Grant I have put out a bid request for ADA automatic door openers.
- f. I installed “private property” signs by the gate into the Broyles field.
- g. The Broyles Building- I secured the Street Fighters for cleaning the Broyles building. I made a list of cleaning supplies for purchase. I chose

and purchased interior paint colors. I've made a project plan. I purchase breakfast and lunch for the crew each day they work.

- h. The Street Fighters have assisted with cleaning and painting the building.
- i. We will be replacing display lights soon.
- j. Cleaning, waxing, and polishing the floor soon.
- k. There are several needs the building and property has. I have a project plan and as we obtain funds for upgrades, we will work on those things.
- l. The goal is to have the building functional and comfortable by the Market on August 22.

### **C. UPCOMING EVENTS REPORT**

- a. June 11 – Story Collecting at the Senior Center
- b. June 19<sup>th</sup> – Offices closed for Juneteenth
- c. June 22 – 26<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade camps
- d. June 22 – Radio Show
- e. America's 250<sup>th</sup> Programming at the Jackson
  - i. June 25, July 23, August 20, September 24, October 22
- f. **Community Chest** – July 11 – I spoke with Sandy Counterline to reserve the McKinney Center on this day for their Jonesborough 101 program. Anne or I will be present to provide a tour of the building.
- g. **Film Screening** – August 14 – I am working again with Frederick Murphy with History Before Us to screen his new film on this date which features a Jonesborough local, Paul Braxton.
- h. **McKinney Center Market** – August 22 – We have received a respectable number of applications for this event. Anne has confirmed musicians. I am working on confirming food options. We have done a considerable number of media for this event and will continue to do so.

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**Subject** Outreach – by Skye McFarland

**Outreach:**

For the month of June, our in-person outreach will be the Farmer’s Market and Fridays After 5 in Johnson City. We were scheduled to attend the Fridays After 5 on June 12, but it was cancelled due to a chance of severe weather. We will attend again on June 26<sup>th</sup> and go to the Farmer’s Market on June 20<sup>th</sup>. This is a bit slower time of year as our Summer Camps are full and classes for Fall haven’t been posted yet, but we still have events coming up so I have been focusing on posting the radio show, the traffic box call, the McKinney Market, the Tales of 250<sup>th</sup>, and pictures from camp.

We hosted our weaving workshop with the Heritage Alliance, and it went well. It was full and everyone seemed to have a good time. We are still looking to secure a C4K teacher for art classes at Jonesborough Elementary this coming Fall, but we are hopeful to do it again.

Month	Number	Digital	Paper	
January		55,894	60	
February		74,190	100	
March	1847	56,430	30	
April		62,579	5921	
May	149	64,600	40	
June		65,899	40	
July				
August				
September				
October				
November				
December				
	1,996	379,592	6,191	387,779

**Volunteers:** We have had such great help over the month with our Summer Camp Snacks. We have help for the Farmer's Market on the 20<sup>th</sup> thanks to Starlene. We have a couple of folks signed up to help with the crafts at Fridays After 5. We also will have our volunteers for the Radio Show, too. We have had about 30 hours of volunteer work for June so far.

Interested in helping with Fridays After 5? Please sign up here: <https://volunteersignup.org/BMDKL>

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StoryTown Radio Show/StoryTown Initiative

The May show this coming Monday (5/25) will be our annual Salute to Veterans with the Jonesborough Novelty Band. We have given 20 free tickets to the show to the Town to hand out at their Memorial Day event. We have sold 66 tickets so far. **Update: We had around 100 people at the show, but not a completely full house. None of the scheduled volunteers showed up to help, so we had to close concessions.**

- 1) We've raised \$4,050 in sponsorship money.

- 2) We have sold/reserved 59 season passes.
- 3) I have submitted the necessary reports for the Arts Access grant for FY 2026. Still no update on the Arts for All grant for FY 2027. **UPDATE: We received an Arts for All grant for \$6,900.00. This is more than the previous fiscal year.**

**Updates: As of this report, we have only sold 35 tickets. Sometimes the summer shows are slower to sell because of vacations. Please encourage friends to come and help spread the word. It's going to be a great show.**

**ACTION ITEMS: Spread the word about the June Radio Show. Buy tickets.**

#### Story Collecting/Story Brigade

Our next Listening Day will be June 11 from 5:30-7:30 pm at the Jonesborough Senior Center. This will be our first time trying an evening time slot. We have a Listening Day booked from 9:00-12:00 on July 28<sup>th</sup> at the Johnson City Public Library. **Update: We had 2 people come out and share their stories. Nori also recently interviewed the new Miss Historic Jonesborough. It's the 50<sup>th</sup> year for that pageant.**

#### 250<sup>th</sup> Community Play – *The First and Last Town in TN*

The interim report for this grant has been submitted. The final report is due in April of 2027. I did receive permission from the Tennessee 250 Commission to use the remainder of our grant to help fund the America 250 programming we're partnering with the Jackson Theatre on.

#### Tales of Our 250: A Jonesborough History Variety Show

We have selected the following dates for the Jackson Theatre performances. PR is rolling out and Pay What You Can tickets are available now. Each program will include scenes from *The First and Last in Town in Tennessee*. Tim Herron will portray Paul Fink as a running narrator for the series.

June 25<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:30 – Embracing the Past (Dr. Kennedy, Ozone Rangers) – **Update: We have sold 53 tickets so far. Help spread the word and come out if able.**

July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00-8:30 – Forging a New Nation (Sycamore Shoals Re-enactors)

August 20<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:30, School performance at 10:00 am – The Road to Freedom (*Nancy* w/Heritage Alliance, Friendship Baptist Church concert)

September 24<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:30 – Lost State of Franklin (Dr. Hardy from MTSU, Tipton-Haynes Historic Site)

October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7:00-8:30, School performance at 10:00 am – A Nation Divided (Dr. Lee from ETSU, Regimental String Band)

#### Play in a Week Camp

Camp is full, with 17 students. My co-counselors and staff are confirmed. The campers' performance will be on June 6<sup>th</sup> at noon. Big thank you to the Wild Women of Jonesborough for partnering with local businesses and helping with lunch again this summer. This camp WILL NOT be eligible for the Arts Build Community grant after this summer. Since the Town receives a Support Grant for the Jackson Theatre, we can no

longer apply for ABC grants. **Update: Camp went great. There were around 100 people at their show on Saturday. The grant report has been submitted.**

Officer Hood Memorialized

Last year I did the play “*Can’t Get Away with This*” that shared the story of Officer Hood, the only Jonesborough police officer to lose his life in the line of duty. Up until that time, the Jonesborough Police Department was not aware they had ever lost an officer. Since then, they got his name added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. Two officers went during National Police Week for the ceremony. I truly appreciate the Jonesborough Police Department for working on this and for honoring Officer Hood’s service.

Podcast

We continue to post Voices of the Archive, Director’s Cut, and StoryTown Radio Show podcasts every month.

**Total Downloads: 320 in the last thirty days**

Numbers for Month

**StoryTown Volunteers** – 2 for DC Podcast, 2 hours

**Story Brigade** – 4 Brigade Members, 10 Hours in Story Collecting

**Interactions:** Marketing Team – 2, JAMSA - 19, Summer Camp - 10, Jackson Related Mtgs - 6, May Production Mtg – 4, Media – 2, Advisory Committee – 7, Misc. – 7

**Total for Month – 63**

**Total Volunteer Hours – 12**

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**Subject Visitation Update – Bre Walker-Schadler**

**Visitation Update:**

Month	Classes	General Visitors	Rentals
January	43	728	339
February	312	1208	157
March	497	1250	219
April	291	1085	91

May	85	588	602
June			
July			
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			
Total			

**Rental Update:**

Month	
January	\$2,122.50
February	\$420.00
March	\$440.00
April	\$997.50
May	\$2,877.50
June	
July	
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	
Total: \$	

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**Agenda Item**

**Subject OLD BUSINESS**

- A.** New documentary screening with Frederick Murphy- August 11, 2026
- B.** New possible ISC partnerships – I’ve emailed. Waiting to hear back

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**Agenda Item**

**Subject** NEW BUSINESS

**A. New Business**

**a. Donation needs for Broyles Building**

- i. Funding for or donations of; flooring, new ceiling tiles, gutters, fence, HVAC, stools, washer, dryer, fridge, stove.**

**B. 2026 Meeting Dates**

June 18  
July 16  
August 20  
September 17  
October 15  
November 19  
December 17

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**Subject** ADJOURNMENT