

The Town of Coopertown 5153Burgess Gower Road Springfield, TN 37172 615-3824470

REGULAR MEETING Coopertown Community Development Committee

September 9, 2025 MINUTES

Coopertown Community Development Meeting

Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Jennifer Jurgovan at 6:01pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Rollcall:

- o Jennifer Jurgovan, Chairman- Present
- o Rae Keohane, Co-Chair- Present
- Randall Hayes, Alderman -Present
- o Christina Contreras, Secretary- Present

Approval of August 12, 2025, Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve- Rae Keohane
- Christina Contreras- Seconded

Old Business:

Confirming details for Fall Chili Cook Off Event

- Jennifer Jurgovan reported difficulties in securing a location for the Chili Cook-Off.
- Anniversary event for the fire hall on October 18th, conflicting with the initial Chili Cook-Off
 date.
- Alternative dates discussed include:
 - November 1st or 8th, but concerns were raised about competing events and holiday preparations.
 - October 24th (Friday night) from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM or 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM was suggested as a possibility.
- The committee ultimately decided we will not be holding the event this year.

New Business:

Experience Robertson County Event at Lane Christmas Tree Farm

- Responsibilities may include parking assistance or greeter
- Jennifer Jurgovan, Rae Keohane and Christina Contreras committed to volunteering.
 - Mayor also plans to volunteer

Discussion about Breakfast with Santa

- Traditionally held at the elementary school, organized by the PTA.
- Consideration of hosting at the Christmas tree farm, but concerns about lack of enclosed space and potential cold weather. Jennifer will be confirming information with them.
- Usually around 100 children attend, last year's attendance was down to 30-40 kids.
- Typically held from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM.
- Randall Hayes mentioned that the city usually supplies the venue and utensils, while the PTA handles food preparation.
- Concerns raised about increased attendance if advertised beyond the school community.
- · Still confirming details with Coopertown Elementary PTA

New name for CCDC

• Discussion was had about new names, Jennifer suggested Coopertown Events Committee

Discussion on Barrel Festival

- Potential dates discussed include Spring 2026 or September 2026.
- Challenges with volunteers were discussed:
 - Former volunteers were not interested in returning due to negative experiences from the last time.
 - Previous committee members were very stressed and just wanted to get through the event.
- The need for external event planning assistance was emphasized.
- Importance of the festival as it's a "claim to fame" for the town.

Comments from committee Members/Guests

- Jennifer suggested the need to come up with ideas and start to plan events for 2026 including dates and securing locations.
- Touch-A-Truck: Scheduled for September 20th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the middle school.
- "Ride for Kids" motorcycle ride: Planned for October 25th, starting from the middle school.
- Next meeting set for Tuesday, October 14th, 2025.

Adjournment:

- · Motion to Adjourn- Jennifer Jurgovan
- Seconded- Rae Keohane

Meeting Adjourned at 7:04pm

Date: 10/14/25