

State of Alabama)
City of Tuscaloosa)
City of Northport)
Tuscaloosa County)

JOINT EXECUTIVE ORDER

To: Robert Ratliff, Exec. Dir., Tusc. Convention & Visitors Bureau
 Christopher McIlwain, Sr., Attorney-at-Law

Number: 2007 – J001

Date: July 18, 2007

Regarding: Establishment of the Alabama Book Festival Task Force

Directive:

The City of Tuscaloosa, the City of Northport, the Tuscaloosa County Commission, and The University of Alabama believe that a book festival has the potential to encourage reading and the acquisition of knowledge, as well as create positive media attention and generate increased tourism. To that end, we therefore direct the establishment of the Alabama Book Festival Task Force be comprised of the following:

- Five (5) representatives selected by the Mayor of Tuscaloosa
- Five (5) representatives selected by the Mayor of Northport
- Five (5) representatives selected by the Probate Judge
- Five (5) representatives selected by the President of The University of Alabama

The Task Force shall be co-chaired by Robert Ratliff, Executive Director of the Tuscaloosa Convention and Visitors Bureau, and Chris McIlwain, Sr., Attorney-at-Law. The Co-Chairs shall be responsible for calling and organizing the meeting of the Task Force and the creation and organization of any subcommittees. In addition to the members selected by the heads of government above, the Co-Chairs shall select as many members as necessary to complete its work.


The Task Force shall complete the following work and report, in writing, its findings to the Mayor of Tuscaloosa, Mayor of Northport, Probate Judge, and University of Alabama President no later than November 1, 2007:

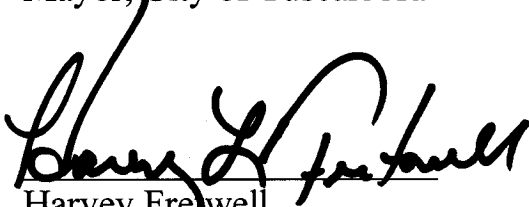
- Review Book Festivals throughout the Nation
- Determine feasibility
- Review potential funding sources
- Determine economic, social and public relations impact

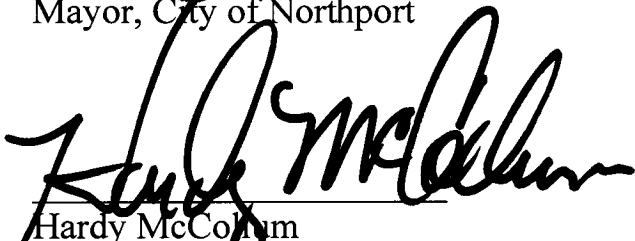
Implementation:

All Departments of the City of Tuscaloosa, City of Northport, and Tuscaloosa County and their respective employees to whom this Executive Order applies shall forthwith implement the same in accordance with its terms and requirements. Nothing contained in this Order shall relieve a person from any requirement to obtain a license or other authorization in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. This Order is not intended to conflict with, supersede or contradict any lawful ordinance or resolution duly enacted by the Tuscaloosa City Council, Northport City Council, or Tuscaloosa County Commission. This Order does not create any right, benefit, or privilege, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by a party against the City of Tuscaloosa, City of Northport or Tuscaloosa County, its departments, agencies, entities, officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

So Ordered on the date first above written.


Walter Maddox
Mayor, City of Tuscaloosa


Harvey Frewell
Mayor, City of Northport


Hardy McCollum
Probate Judge
Chairman, Tuscaloosa County Commission


Robert E. Witt
President, The University of Alabama