

**CITY OF NEW HAVEN
TOURISM COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, June 29, 2026**

2:00 p.m.

Location: Public Works Facility, 205 Industrial Drive, New Haven, MO 63068

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Approval of Minutes and Budget**
 - a. March 30th, 2026, page 1
 - b. April 27th, 2027, page 2-3
 - c. Budget report, page 4
- 4. Old Business**
 - a. Social Media
 - b. Touch up New Haven
 - c. Billboards
 - d. Marketing plan
- 5. Adjourn**

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Minutes of the Tourism Committee Meeting
March 30, 2026 – 4:00 pm
New Haven Public Works Facility

Call to Order: Sarah Skeen called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM

Roll Call:

Members Present: Tricia Reay, Meg Lang, Tara Steffens via phone

Members Absent: Lance Stroehker, Terri Bell

City Staff Members Present: Sarah Skeen

Alderman Liaison Present: none

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes from the February 23rd, 2026 meeting made by Meg Lang, 2nd by Tricia Reay.

Old Business:

Wayfinding Signage - The committee reviewed the mockup of the wayfinding signage on Highway 100. The design and wording were accepted and the invoice from Ziglin Signs was recommended to move to the Board of Aldermen for approval. A motion was made by Meg Lang and 2nd by Tricia Reay.

New Business:

Budget – Sarah Skeen gave an update on the accounts for revenue and expenses. The revenue account currently has \$11,797.27. There have been no expenses to date.

Draft Lighting Ordinance – The Planning and Zoning Commission has been working on a draft of a lighting ordinance that supports the Dark Skies Initiative and reduces the impact of excessive lighting in New Haven. It was requested that the tourism commission review it as it may have an impact on local businesses. This lighting ordinance is one piece of legislation that supports the Bird City Designation and the new Audubon Museum. These initiatives can support tourism efforts. City Administrator informed the Committee that the ordinance will go through a public hearing process at P&Z April 27th and the Board of Aldermen meeting on May 11th. There is still time to review and make comments.

Bird City Missouri Designation – the committee previously reviewed the application for Bird City Missouri Designation. The Committee agreed that this is not something they wanted to take on. The focus of the Committee would be on marketing. They discussed radio advertising and magazine ads as a cost-effective way to promote New Haven. Tara agreed to bring radio quotes to the next meeting. As well, the Discover New Haven Facebook page will be updated and promoted by Tara and Meg.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tricia Reay and 2nd by Tara Steffens. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by,

Sarah Skeen

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City Administrator

City of New Haven Tourism Meeting

4/27/26 Minutes Take by Chair Tara Steffens

Attending: Tara Steffens, Tricia R, Terri B, Lance S, Meg electronically

Not in attendance: Alderman Kyle (unknown absence), Sarah Skeen (known absence)

Special Guest: Tom Rich MO life Magazine

- Meeting Called to Order by Tara Steffens. Attendance Noted
- Previous Minutes accepted – TR 1st, LS 2nd – unanimous approve
- Budget Sheet from Sarah – TB 1st, TR 2nd – unanimous approve

New Business

MO LIFE:

- Tom let us know about costs associated with Missouri Life. Dropped off Ad Sheet (attached).
- Trish gave us number to Kirkwood Times, another advertising person to reach out to. 314-968-2699
- MO Life has about a 30-day deadline and does 8 issues a year. There is an option to do a “full page” ad with 6 small businesses on the bottom half, and they pay \$200 per the spot. Group thought this may be best use of budget. Once Econ gets the list of businesses, we can maybe use that to contact businesses with a commitment form.
- Tara has samples of different city ads. There are lots

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Ad rates are CHEAP – most agreed this is something we want to do. Did not decide on total budget. But everyone thought this was a good use of some money

Other Business

- Social Media – Tara is going to send out the list of current questions for the Discover Your Backyard media thing, and we will finalize the questions and ‘brand’ of this over email. It is free and Pinckney Bend Staff can arrange filming and can go around and get film of people if they can’t send one in.
- Touch Up New Haven – tara mentioned we have long wanted a clean up day to do things like touch up paint (such as we are getting new signs, but the poles look dingy), clean off sidewalks, just some general easy things to do. She said she knew the chamber had talk about it too. Lance said we should call it Touch Up New

Haven. We said we should coordinate with other groups and early fall (when weather is a bit nicer to be outside) would be good. Pinckney Bend will donate drinks/NA Drinks – maybe others can donate for volunteers.

- What happened to the old billboards Downtown used to have? We heard rumor of MODOT issues, but they had been up for 20 years further away than other signs still up – are these spaces available to put some “welcome/discover” New Haven signs up? Can we do more to let people know there are reasons to stop in New Haven at a minimal cost like we used to do?

We are rescheduling May/June meeting due to conflicts, holidays, and availability.

NEXT MEETING DATE WILL BE JUNE 8th. 4pm.

- Billboard: the billboard the downtown group got is done in June and is around 1200 unless we want to change the print (then it's like 1400) we think this is a good use of some funds as well.
- Attached is all the marketing info we got.

ACTION ITEM FOR EVERYONE ON COMMITTEE:

We see we estimate about 7K per year (minimum) in income. What amount of budget do we want for marketing? We need to settle on a yearly amount we want to spend, and then create a marketing plan around that budget to include print, road and radio. Once budget is in place, we can work on creative (Tara is a graphic designer and web coder and we can do this in house)

Account No	Date	Amount	+=====+	
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CASH - TOURISM - GENERAL			Aug	
01 GENERAL			Sep	
01 ASSETS			Oct	
1115 UNDEFINED BREAK			Nov	
1 BANK 1			Dec	
	Budget		Jan	
	Balance	9,461.98	Feb	11,797.27
	Difference	9,461.98-	Mar	11,820.21
12/26 Budget	Balance		Apr	10,347.59
MTD	899.18-	899.18	May	10,361.16
YTD	9,461.98	9,461.98-	Jun	9,461.98
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Date	Per	Jrn]	Received From/Reference	Additional Reference	Receipt #	Amount
6/18/26	12	26	GL7372 CASH TRANSFER	FUNDS MENT FOR TOURISM CA		591.02
6/08/26	12	26	AP8937 AP CHECK UPDATE	ZIGLIN SIGNS		1490.20-
5/29/26	11	26	GL7292 INTEREST MAY 2026	INTEREST POOLED FUNDS MAY 2026		13.57
4/30/26	10	26	GL7032 INTREST POOLED APRIL 30, 2026	INTEREST POOLED FUNDS 4/2026		17.58
4/30/26	10	26	GL6965 INTREST APRIL 2026	INTEREST POOLED FUNDS APRIL 26		17.48
4/30/26	10	26	GL6965 INTREST APRIL 2026	INTEREST POOLED FUNDS APRIL 26		17.48-
4/15/26	10	26	AP8796 AP CHECK UPDATE	ZIGLIN SIGNS		1490.20-
3/31/26	9	26	GL6840 INTREST MARCH 2026	INTEREST POOLED FUNDS MAR2026		22.94
3/31/26	9	26	GL6820 INTREST	INTEREST POOLED FUNDS		21.05
3/31/26	9	26	GL6820 INTREST	INTEREST POOLED FUNDS		21.05-
2/27/26	8	26	GL6645 INTREST	INTEREST POOLED FUNDS		8.71
2/26/26	8	26	GL6637 CASH TRANSFER	TRANSF GEN CASH TO TOURIS		11788.56
TOTAL:						9461.98