

MONTGOMERY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Lea Wall (Term 1) July 22, 2016 – July 21, 2018

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Connie Hale (Term 4) Aug. 28, 2016 – Aug. 27, 2018

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Tom Norman (Term 4) December 8, 2017- December 7, 2019

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Gabrielle (Gabe) Minnich (No expiration) October 26, 2016

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Jason Dowdy (Term 3) January 11, 2018- January 10, 2019
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Lauren Colliver (Term 1) January 9, 2018- January 8, 2020
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Sam Bishop (Term 3) February 22, 2018- February 21, 2020
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April DeMotts (Term 1) December 20, 2016 – December 19, 2018
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TERM OF OFFICE: 2 Years (Except the Chamber of Commerce representative appointment will be an annual appointment)

LEGAL MANDATE: Local

TERM LIMITS: No

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 9 + 1 non-voting member.

1 member of the Board of Supervisors (BoS) (appointed by the BoS)

1 member of the Blacksburg Town Council (appointed by Council)

1 member of the Christiansburg Town Council (appointed by Council)

1 member of Chamber of Commerce (appointed by Chamber of Commerce)

1 member from Virginia Tech from university relations office or the tourism/hospitality Department (ex-officio non-voting member) (recommended by Virginia Tech)

5 members who are owners, operators, or employees from local hotels, restaurants, and attractions (appointed jointly by the County and two Towns).

The initial term for three of the committee appointees and the BoS representative is for one year to ensure that all terms do not expire at the same time.

COMPENSATION: None

PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING: Yes

MEETING SCHEDULE: 4th Thursday, bimonthly at 8 a.m. Meetings to be held at various locations, to be determined by the MTDC.

JOB DESCRIPTION: Established pursuant to an agreement between the County and the Towns of Christiansburg and Blacksburg as an advisory council to provide guidance to the Montgomery Tourism Operating Board and tourism staff in the development and implementation of an ongoing tourism program, and assist with the elements and components required to maintain the tourism program, such as an accredited tourism community, a current tourism marketing plan, community profile, and other related requirements.

BoS and two Town Councils appoint through recommendations.