

Cascade Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes  
11/14/2017

Number of members in attendance: 10

Meeting called to order by Scotty at 12:08

- Belinda with Midas Gold was the guest speaker for this meeting, she had the following updates to give:
  - Regarding the permitting process: Scoping was completed in July. Currently, analysis is being done for the environmental protection act. There are over 50 permits that Midas is trying to acquire.
  - Over 300 people went on site tours this summer. Summer tours will be offered again in 2018. Tours have also been provided to school age kids, specifically kids from Cascade and New Meadows schools. Next year, tours will be given to high school and college kids from surrounding areas.
  - A coalition of people who support the Stibnite project has been formed – you can join as a supporter or view others who support by visiting <https://supportstibnite.com/>. This site will be used to rally supporters after the forest service puts out their environmental protection survey.
  - The Forest Supervisor for the Payette Forest Service, Keith Lannom, and the president of Midas Gold Idaho meet monthly to keep each other updated.
  - Midas is staying involved with the West Central Mountains community partnership group. The community partnership group was formed from a narrowing of ABC Steering Committee members and the addition of other interested folks to form a committee that represents the area from Riggins to Cascade. There are currently 12 individuals who make up the group. A communication agreement was formed to specify who would be involved in projects, how often meetings would occur, how to build plans, and how to share updates with the community. Separate community agreements have been made with Yellowpine and Warm Lake, respectively.
  - Belinda will meet with individuals who would like to discuss any questions that have not yet been addressed.
  - The Midas Idaho Board has been expanded – many people on the board are from the West Central Mountains area who are engaged in community. The goal of the board is to protect the Valley County community. Community meetings, outreach to public officials, and further outreach will be conducted through this board as time goes on.
  - Apprenticeship programs are in the works to get kids on-site.
  - Midas began job fairs at schools to build awareness on the diversity of jobs that will need to be filled at the mine site.
  - Midas proposed access to the burnt log road. Extra road will need to be constructed to connect Thunder Mountain Road to keep the trucks away from rivers and out of the way of rock slides and avalanches. To do this, Stibnite road would need to be closed as it goes through the processing plant. Midas is currently working with the community of Yellowpine to come up with an alternative so that the road closure does not negatively impact their community.
  - To date, Midas has spent an excess of 100 million dollars without any gold being mined. They expect the permitting process to wrap up in two years meaning a projected date

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for the beginning of construction is spring 2020. The construction phase will take approximately three years. At this time, the projected start of mining will be 2023.

- December 30<sup>th</sup> will be the final portion of the centennial celebration. A video will be shown at the Roxy Theatre at 6:30 pm. After, folks should gather at the boat docks for hamburgers and hotdogs while enjoying music. at 8:30 pm, we will light 100 lanterns to float over the lake.
- The Cascade Sports and Marina has bought the old Lumber Yard facility. They are currently in the process of cleaning the buildings and are hoping to open by December. They will offer any power sports vehicles (crestliner boats, snowmobiles, ATVs, etc.) and will also carry camper, boat, and motorcycle supplies.
- A Winter Jamboree planning meeting will take place at the Cascade Aquatic and Recreation Center on November 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30. All those who are willing to help with the planning of this years jamboree are asked to come.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:47 pm.