Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes 6/27/2023

Meeting Attendance 18 Meeting Start 12:07, at Hotel NoBo

Meeting Minutes Approval for June 13, 2023 Minutes Unavailable at this time.

Treasurer Report – None, Pam out of office

Secretary Report – Alison No report

Welcome Guest and New Members

Lindsey Harris, Executive Director, WCMEDC introduced Beth Wegener as WCMEDC 2023 Summer Intern. Beth will be providing website and social media maintenance/updates among other tasks.

Rick McCoy, Cascade Community & Senior Center, Outreach Minister, introduced himself.

Steve Black – Introduced himself as American Legion representative covering for Jack.

Office, Communications, and Media

a) Office & Communication – Julie

Request for Letter of Support-Child Care Center grant application by Valley County. This is a WCMEDC project. Potential funding through Idaho Workforce Development Council grant programs. The planned location for an Early Childhood Development Center (0-12yoa) would be at the Cascade Community & Senior Center. Approval for submission of letter voted on at the last meeting. Julie will draft a letter for AJ's review and signature (letter due by July 15th).

b) Media Assistant – Sharon

If you would like the Chamber to promote events, you need to get info to the Chamber. Submit any event information, fliers, posters, etc. to <u>info@cascadechamber.com</u>

Open Issues

1. Game Changer/Planet Youth (Presentation, Josh Hurley/Shauna Arnold)

Shauna provided a brief overview of the Game Changer/Planet Youth project. Previous surveys of 8th-10th graders completed in 2020-2021. A new survey was just completed and yielded positive results. Josh will be coming around to local businesses for "buy-in" and participation. Josh is in the process of developing a mentorship program AP for students involved with the Game Changer. Students can earn mentor chips which can be redeemed at local businesses. The next meeting will be 7/20 at 5:30PM at the Cultural Arts Center.

2. 2023 E Bike Fundraiser Raffle (Update)

The bike is currently at Squirrel Outdoors. Next location will be Cascade Hardware. Umpqua Bank continues to sell tickets even when bike not at the bank. Tickets will be on sale the morning of the parade outside Umpqua Bank. Drawing will be held on July 4th after the parade.

3. 2023 July 4th "Thunder Mountain Days" (Update)

Parade will be at 11. The American Legion will have hot dogs immediately after the parade. Duck Race starts at 1PM. Fireworks at dusk.

Open Floor

Rick McCoy - Cascade Community & Senior Center is not getting the funding they usually receive. Currently, the center's revenue will derive from patronage. The center remains closed at this time and they are still looking for a part time cook.

Ann Everett-Cotroneo - Hotel Nobo "Open House July 1st, 1-4pm, 500 N Main St. Will have a bounce house, food, drinks, and tour of hotel rooms.

Joe Critchfield - Whistle Stop Bldg. The trees along the highway are causing a problem with signage, etc. Joe wants to know who to talk to about Main Street landscaping? Julie recommended Joe visit with the Mayor and review Downtown Revitalization Project records from 2018. A lot of research and survey/voting and leg work has been done. The Mayor expressed she is more than happy to share the current file information and resurrect the Downtown Revitalization Project workgroup.

Mindi - Cascade Fire Community & Burn-out Fund Krispy Kreme Doughnuts will be available from 8-10 am on Main Street. \$15 a dozen suggested donation.

Scotty Davenport - The city sidewalks are in need of repair. The businesses need to maintain the sidewalk area in front of their businesses. "It's a matter of pride."

Lindsay Harris - WCMEDC Economic Summit will be on Nov 6th in Cascade. They are hoping to have it at Trinity Pines. RFP for 2023 Regional Housing Needs Assessment. RFP deadline August 1st. Assessment geared to identify gaps and needs for type and quantity of housing. https://wcmedc.org/

Tom | Cascade Medical Center (CMC) purchased an ADA wheelchair accessible van to help transport folks to and from doctor's appointments. For now, it will provide transport in the Cascade and McCall area. Currently, two drivers are on staff. Contact CMC Van Coordinator at 208-382-4285 to schedule transportation.

Judy | City of Cascade The local transit wants \$10,000 from the City of Cascade in order to continue servicing the Cascade area. Mayor seeking input on how businesses can pull resources to offset \$10K funding request.

Next Meeting Noon, July 11th, location TBD

Meeting End 1:17PM