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**Minutes**  
**February 5, 2018**

**Board Members present:**

Ray Williams Jr, Dee Helming, Frank Whitman, Philip Williams, Julie Mills and Charlie Vaughn

**Board Members absent:**

**Members present:** Patsy Waits

**Guests:** Wade Barton-Sign City, Eric Moody

**Open Meeting:** 10:00 am

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Charlie Vaughn.

**Public comment for items not covered on the agenda:** Flavio Wood Truck-Donate to Austin Park. Who does he need to contact? Bert Ramos is probably not compliant.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

Moved by Frank Whitman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patsy Waits, motion carried.

**Approval of December Minutes:**

Moved by Frank Whitman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patsy Waits motion carried.

**Present Financial report for approval:**

Moved Ray Williams, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank Whitman, motion carried.

**New Bills Payment/Approval:**

No new bills. Moved by Frank Whitman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray Williams, motion carried.

**Office Report:**

The Chamber hosted a CCW class for the Greater Austin area residents on 1/27/18 with 11 participants. There is another CCW scheduled for 2/9/2018, 16 people are registered to attend.

**Overview of Correspondence:**

None

**Scoping letters from USFS & BLM:**

Mt Lewis letter for ORMAT Phase 3. Great Basin Economic Strategy – 2/15/18 in Tonopah. TV show “Rock this Park” to feature Spencer’s & Hickison

**Guest Speaker:**

Wade Barton from Sign City was in attendance to submit a quote for our two new bike billboards and to hear from The Board directly about the design. \$800-\$1000 per sign is estimated and we have two signs to replace. Dee suggested doing the billboard at Middlegate as well, with a complete redesign of the artwork.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**[www.austinnevada.com](http://www.austinnevada.com):**

Nothing new.

**PET:**

Dee will be traveling to Canada March 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> as part of a Travel Nevada promotion tour.

**Austin Planning:**

Nothing new.

**Food Bank:**

Changes have been made to the delivery schedule, food bank supplies will only be received once a month. The distribution schedule has been changed to reflect this.

**Geothermal updates:**

No update.

**New marketing ideas:**

none

**Vets Memorial:**

Dedication will be April 21, 2018

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Grants:**

County grant is done and turned in. Next grant cycle is coming up in March for Travel Nevada.

**Bike Trail Updates:**

None.

**Audit:**

Waiting for Grace Kemp to return from Holiday, we will complete sometime in March.

**Highway 50 Stickers/Austin Stickers:**

This project is on hold.

**Community Highway Signs:**

Charlie has ordered and received the signs for the Baptist church, Frank will be ordering the signs for his organizations this month.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Cemetery Tree Grant:** The cemetery tree committee is working on a USFS grant to plant trees in Austin cemetery with a target date of Earth Day/Arbor Day 2018.

**Employee resignation:** In regards to the resignation of Robyn Veach, The board has decided to write a letter to Robyn encouraging her to stay and offering more flexibility in the schedule.

**Bike Trial Signs:** Robyn and Dee are working with Lander County Tourism to apply for a grant to replace the Bike Trail signs on either end of town. It is a process and we are jumping through the hoops.

**Lander County Commissioners Planning Meeting 2/15/18 @3pm:** Dee Helming is planning on attending.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY AND AREA:**

Eric from the Reese River Reveille has met with most people in town to announce that he is resurrecting the publication. He bought the paper 4 years ago and there have been no publications for years. The plan is to bring it back as a twice a year promotion publication that will be placed for sale in Austin, Ely, Reno and along the Highway 50 corridor.

**PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ANY ITEM NOT COVERED ON THE AGENDA:**

**Adjournment of Meeting:** @ 11:30am motioned by Patsy Waits, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank Whitman, motion carried

Signed  
Robyn Veach