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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, 2nd by Patsy Waits, motion carried.

Approval of December Minutes:

Moved by Frank Whitman, 2nd by Patsy Waits motion carried.

Present Financial report for approval:

Moved Ray Williams, 2nd by Frank Whitman, motion carried.

New Bills Payment/Approval:

No new bills. Moved by Frank Whitman, 2nd 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:

Nothing new.

PET:

Dee will be traveling to Canada March 5th-8th 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 2nd by Frank Whitman, motion carried

Signed
Robyn Veach