

MINUTES
CHAMBER MEETING
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October 21 2009
Noon
Valley Bank and Trust

The monthly meeting of the I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce was called to order at 12:00 p.m. Chamber President, John Knight..

Roll was called with the following Board Members present:

Fay Chase	Chris Deverell	Gary Duke
John Knight	Luanne Lown	Becky Mogensen
Chris Pastori	Lindsay Wheaton	

The following Board Members were absent:

Bonnie Damschen	Al Holcomb	Tina Lewis
Jenna Workman		

Guests attending were

Carmen Alfonso	Plains Medical Center:
Jon Carrick	Carrick Engineering
Frank Doyle	High Five Plains Foundation
Michelle Durham	Accounting Services
Daniel Einarsen	Arapahoe County Open Space
Dennis Hall	
Joy Hall	
Kirk Holwell	Colorado First National Bank
Cassandra Knight	Two Knight Enterprises
Kat McAllaster	Sam's Club
Terry NeSmith	Citywide Banks
Pat Nettesheim	K. I. T. Agency
Loretta Pierce	Mustard Seed Catering
Matt Reay	Reay Engineering
Aaron Rotkovich	Lead Valley Range
Glenn Rotkovich	Lead Valley Range
Kathy Smiley	I-70 Scout
Jessica Sweeney	Central CO AHEC
Kristi Wenzel	Central CO AHEC
David Wentz	Strasburg Rec Distrat
Jan Yeckes	Arapahoe County Planning

Board Secretary, Luanne Lown, took Minutes. A quorum was present.

Hearing of Interested Parties:

The Minutes of the September 16, 2009 Board Meeting were submitted for approval. Motion was made by Pat Nettesheim and seconded by Kirk Holwell approve the Minutes as written. The motion was carried by voice vote.

Secretary's Report.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS

Angelo Pedro Agency
Bennett Parks and Rec District
Care-A-Van Transport, LLC
Lead Valley Range, Inc.
Lucky Strike Lanes
Smart Security, Inc.

Treasurer's Report—Fay Chase. The treasurer's report was handed out. It included information from August 2009 to the present.

Board of Directors Report

John Knight reported the board had met recently and one of the items that came out of the meeting was that we were going to have a new tool to simplify email notification. Emails will be sent from the Chamber on Tuesday mornings, with links to further information on the website. Attachments will be available there on the web site. The new system will be rolled out by December 1.

Old Business:

1. Business and Service Expo – Luanne Lown reported that 83 people had played the bingo game and we had 26 businesses participate this year. The questionnaires had been turned in by some, but more copies were available if you didn't get yours turned in. The weather probably played a factor in attendance, but there is no way to control it. Parking was a bit of an issue to be addressed in the future.
2. Annual Dinner – Chris Deverell reported the Annual Dinner was a success in light of the money that was raised. She said she had a lot of fun with the SASS group and the gambling that was brought in by them. John Knight reported the number of people attending has grown in the past 3 years. They are also looking for comments about the dinner and welcome more people to their planning committee.

New Business:

1. January 2010 Conversion of Dues – John Knight let people know that we are in the process of converting the collection of dues. Starting in January 2010, all dues will be due in January instead of the current method of collecting over the entire year. The board feels it will be better for budgeting purposes. Jon Carrick voiced his concern that many other bills are due in January and this might be a hard time for people to come up with the money and that he doesn't feel this is the time of year to try to collect it.

Announcements:

David Wentz from the Strasburg Parks and Rec District invited everyone to attend their upcoming fund raiser to be held on November 21. It will be a Cajun Boil and all you can eat. He passed out flyers with information and also shared there would be a silent auction during the evening. Child care is available at the Rec Gym. For more details, please contact 303-622-4260. He asked that people contact them soon, for inclusion in the newspaper ads.

Daniel Einarsen from Arapahoe County Open Space invited everyone to attend the upcoming open house to formulate a plan for gathering information at the Byers High School on November 19.

Jan Yeckes from Arapahoe County Planning Department invited everyone to attend an open house to discuss transportation plans to be held on October 22 at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds.

Frank Doyle reported the High Five Plains Foundation is publishing a calendar with local women in it. He would like to have the Chamber's support and asked everyone to purchase them. He told that 50+ women have agreed to participate and the Aurora Chamber would be choosing the pictures for the calendar. Grider Lee is the photographer taking the pictures for it.

Lunch and Learn Session

Kristi Wenzel and Jessica Sweeny, from Central Colorado Area Health Education Center, led a lively discussion on how the people feel about health care reform and problems with the health care system. Everyone seemed to enjoy participating in the voting method. Kris pointed out that impact quality health care has on the local economy. Central Colorado Area Health Education Center is trying to help remedy the problem with rural areas and underserved areas and place students in those areas.

Dates to remember:

All of **October** is Senior Pet Wellness Month at Strasburg Veterinary Clinic

Call to schedule an appointment for your geriatric equine, canine or feline friends. 303-622-4415

October 22 – Arapahoe County 2035 Transportation Plan Public Meeting – at Arapahoe County Fairgrounds, 256900 E. Quincy Ave, Aurora, Open House 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. with a brief presentation at 6:00 p.m. Please join us at the first public meeting for a description of the goals and objectives of the plan, project background information and results of initial data collection. Input relative to existing and short range transportation needs will be solicited.

October 23- Please come to a Pampered chef party Friday Oct 23 at 7 pm at Lindsay Wheaton's – 500 Columbine Drive in Bennett 80102 her phone (303 644-3332, Bring your business info as a way to promote your business while you network. Good food, great friends, and a good time! RSVP to Lindsay.

October 24 - Ladies Luncheon Tea at Teacup Oasis Alpacas

Join the ladies from Spin a Yarn for a yummy lunch and day of relaxation. Cost is \$15.00 per person. To rsvp contact 303-807-9920 or email to rosebud4556@hotmail.com

October 29 – 31 Haunted House at the **Byers American Legion**. Boy Scout Troop 101 will be hosting a Haunted House on Thursday, Friday and Saturday inside the Byers American Legion Hall

October 30 – Halloween Costume Contest at Byers General Store Please join us for a Halloween Costume Contest!

Age groups to be judged are:

0 - 5 years old

6 - 10 years old

11 - 15 years old

16 & older

October 31 - Celebrate Halloween at the **Byers American Legion Hall** Our Annual FREE Hot Dog and Drinks from 6 - 8 p.m. Costume Contest with Cash Prizes for the Auxiliary at 7:30 p.m. The Popular Trick or Treat Street will be back from 6 - 7:30 p.m. with prizes for the best decorated cars. Call for your reserved space 303-822-5682

November 1 2nd Annual Post Halloween Pumpkin shoot at **Lead Valley Range**, east of Byers on Highway 36. The registration starts at 11:00 a.m. and the shooting starts at 12:00 p.m. Go to www.leadvalleyrange.com/Events for more information.

November 12 – REAP Board Meeting at Antelope Hills Club House. Lunch is available for the cost of \$10.00. Please call the office at 303-644-4607 or email admin@i70ccoc.com for your lunch reservation.

November 18 - Chamber Lunch and Learn Meeting. Lunch is available for the cost of \$10.00. Make your reservations by contacting 303-644-4607 or admin@i70ccoc.com.

November 19 - Arapahoe County Open Space Open House At the Byers High School, 444 E. Front Street, Byers, CO. Arapahoe County is holding a series of open houses to gather input on our Open Space program and we need YOU to tell us what you think. The information Collected at these meetings will help direct the development of our Open Space Master Plan, a long-term guide that outlines the future of the County's parks, trails and open spaces. Can't attend an open house? Don't worry - you can still participate online at www.greenways.com/arapahoe. Visit the web site for details on the master plan's progress and give us your feedback. If you require special accommodations, please call five business days prior to the meeting you wish to attend. For additional information call Bob Finch with Arapahoe County Open Space at 720-874-6734.

December 11 – Christmas Party at May Farms \$25 per person includes buffet and entertainment provided by The Jim Hyatt Band.

December 16th - Chamber Lunch and Learn Meeting. Lunch is available for the cost of \$10.00. Make your reservations by contacting 303-644-4607 or admin@i70ccoc.com

Corridor Chamber of Commerce Mission Statement

Our goal is to promote the planned growth and development of our communities by bringing together business and community leaders to work together for the common good. We wish to maintain and support the quality of life that makes Eastern Colorado such a special place. Our desire is to preserve and promote the competitive enterprise system that makes America great. We will strive to be the organization recognized as the focal point of the I-70 Corridor.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned the meeting at 1:03 p.m.