

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday June 23, 2015 Harbour Towers 7:30 - 9:00

Present:

Dan Dagg, Natasha Reger, Capt. (N) Steve Waddell, Dee Govang, Kathleen Burton, Gary Kinar, Troy MacDonald,

Al Hasham, Mark Mawhinney, Sang-Kiet-Ly, Kathy Khouri, Bruce Carter (CEO), Frank Bourree (Chair), Nigel Brown, Patricia Jelinski, John Wilson, Christina Gilbert (Chair Ambassador Committee), Peggy Kulmala (Staff),

Cheryl Wirch-Ryckman (Staff)

Regrets:

Tom Roemer, Jared Webb

1) Additions to agenda:

Motion to approve June agenda.

Moved by:

Mark Mawhinney

Seconded by: Steve Waddell

Carried

2) Motion to approve May board minutes.

Motion to approve April minutes as amended.

Moved by:

Kathleen Burton

Seconded by: Gary Kinar

Carried

3) Motion to approve May financial statements.

Discussion around revenue to date as well as the impact of the WD project on both the salaries and the accounts receivable line including additional reporting tools to be implemented next month to provide due diligence for the board.

Moved by:

Sang-Kiet-Ly

Seconded by: Al Hasham

Carried

Motion to increase Membership Fees by 1%

Motion to proceed with 1% increase for membership dues based on current CPI. Dues increase to be implemented for September dues.

Moved by:

Sang-Kiet-Ly

Seconded by: Troy MacDonald

Carried

4) Chair's Remarks

The Chair, with over 35 years in the community, is impressed with the above average growth he is seeing. Tourism and construction is booming and he is encouraged by the activities of a new mayor that is focused on progress.

5) Board Election Update

Election information bulletin has been issued and board nomination forms are available online.

6) Annual Board Planning Session

Review of optimum location for annual board planning session to provide both team building and concentrated time for planning and reflection on the goals for 2016.

Motion that the Annual Board Planning Session be held at Poets Cove Resort & Spa.

Moved by:

Al Hasham

Seconded by: Dee Govang

Defeated

Motion that the Annual Board Planning Session be held at Best Western Premier Prestige Oceanfront Resort. Discussion included the cost of both locations in terms of transit and accommodation could be cost prohibitive for Chamber board members whose board costs were not borne by their employers.

Moved by:

Al Hasham

Seconded by: Kathleen Burton

Carried

7) Governance Committee Terms of Reference

Motion to approve the Terms of Reference for the Governance Committee.

Moved by:

Al Hasham

Seconded by: Dan Dagg

Carried

8) Chamber Advisory Groups RFI

Motion to have Chamber Staff develop an RFI with input from the committee.

There was discussion surrounding the importance of the program for members. The committee discussed with the board the goal of launching the program in October.

Moved by:

Sang Ly

Seconded by: Gary Kinar

Carried

9) July 17th Our Place Sponsor a Breakfast

8 Board Members confirmed for the Breakfast. Frank Bourree, Troy MacDonald, Dee Govang, Kathy Khouri, Dan Dagg, Jared Webb, Mark Mawhinney, Natasha Reger

10) Homeless Initiatives

Chair is currently speaking at various upcoming events including the Cool Aid meeting to discuss how to address homelessness. Micro-housing issues were identified by various stakeholders based on plans presented and this may or may not be an initiative that moves forward. Overall, there is a significant amount of municipal dollars being spent and allocated both currently and for future years by the municipality, it is key that this is quantified.

11) Maritime Museum

Complimentary Chamber membership was offered for a year to show support for their efforts. Various organizations such as Esquimalt Harbour Authority and CFB Esquimalt are very interested in maintaining a museum promoting our naval history, conversations are ongoing. There was discussion that government funding may not be the right solution. The solution requires local funding leadership in order to stop erosion of tourist attractions in the downtown. Chamber Chair and CEO to offer to meet for lunch and report back to the board.

12) NEXT MEETING: Tuesday July 28, 2015

Secretary

Chair

Date