

Rio Dell-Scotia Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting

June 7, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 12:06 p.m. by Jim Brickley, vice president.

Present: chamber board members Susan Pryor, Gabe Smith and Tracy O'Connell; Melissa Marks, Mavis Amen (on Zoom) and Amanda Carter, Rio Dell mayor pro-tem.

Susan moved approval of the financial report, Jim seconded; the motion passed.

Discussion centered on details of the Wildwood Days parade. Susan announced that she has gotten donations of baskets to present to the winners of the float competition from Coast Central Credit Union, Tri Counties Bank, Root 101 and the Gratitude Gift Company/Cookies Are My Canvas. Debbie Jeffries has agreed to make a floral bouquet for Dorothy Johnson, the grand marshal.

Jim is working on music for the parade. The ukelele group that played at the Resource Center at the tree lighting was mentioned. Jim said he fixed the amp on the sound system used by the emcee so it should work well.

He and Gabe talked about their efforts to put together a chamber float involving children in western gear. They have use of an 8 by 20-foot flatbed trailer and need a truck to pull it, also to borrow hay bales for the perimeter of the wagon for safety, and more kids.

The plan is to put flags out for Flag Day in the southern part of Wildwood Avenue; the pole holders in the northern part won't be back in place in time. Amanda promised they will be installed "better than before" when the project is done.

Susan said there has not been a time for her and Nick to get together on a weekend to discuss the flag placement in Scotia. She said the kiosk in Scotia was a hit, she often saw people stopping to look at the pictures.

Discussion included re-doing the photos in the earlier kiosks, which are faded to oblivion from the sun, and need to be changed out. Melissa said they should be in UV sleeves to protect against sun damage. Susan said it appeared the backing was warped. Amanda offered to ask the city's Beautification Committee if it wanted a role in determining the new images in the kiosks.

Melissa and Mavis discussed what information was needed to get the chamber its own Zoom account going forward.

Susan said the Scotia CSD will hold a grand opening June 20 for the museum, and would like a ribbon cutting. Amanda said she had the chamber's scissors and would get them back. Susan noted work is starting to prepare Scotia homes for sale in Phase 4 and work would begin soon on the Winema Theater.

She discussed the destruction to the bathrooms in the firemen's park in Rio Dell, which resulted in a sizable reward being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who did it. Amanda said she had spoken to someone who claimed to know who did both this and the damage to Julie Woodall's flower planters and a police report was turned in.

Amanda gave updates on several projects including the Todd Property, which the city still wants to have a portion of vs. seeing the entire 18 acres going to Cal Fire. Amanda is meeting with Senator McGuire next week on this to see what can be done to influence Cal Fire to change its plans, at the state level. Other topics were the establishment of a committee to develop a master plan for the city's parks, which will include a survey being developed with the help of a statistician, and what Amanda hopes will result in the sale of some of the Davis Street park land from the school to the city.

Construction is starting on the Eel River Trail, to make it more accessible to the disabled, and is scheduled to be completed in October.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy O'Connell, secretary

