COULEE CORRIDOR CONSORTIUM

MEETING MINUTES

Red Door Café

Moses Lake, WA

11/17/17

The meeting was called to order by Chair Tim Alling at approximately 12:22 pm. Barb Caylor agreed to take Minutes.

Partner Reports:

Warden will have their ‘Christmas in Warden’ on Dec 1, 2017. On November 11, the Lions Club started a name board for fundraising. Buy a space and help them out. Christmas decorations are going up. The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a wine tasting.

The Ice Age Floods Institute from Washtucna had a good time on their tour although they were low in numbers.

The Port of Quincy purchased some land for recreational purposes only. Over a 5-yr period, Ken Lacey’s geologic tour trails will be utilized.

The Sandhill Crane Festival will be March 23-25, 2018 in Othello. Washington State Parks and Columbia National Fish and Wildlife will have booths along with the Coulee Corridor National Scenic Byway. Downtown revitalization of First Avenue in Othello is almost completed. The committee in Othello is working on the dilapidated sign on SR 262 near Mardon. The Mullan Trail Sign between Washtucna and Benge needs work done and will be rewritten. Adams County Commissioners may help with funding to redo it.

The Washington Trails Association provided a volunteer work crew to complete 3 days of local trail repairs on the Candy Point Trail outside Coulee Dam. Mark Amara participated in the trail reconstruction one of those days. The Mammoth remains found on the north edge of the Frenchman Hills are about 11,000 years old. A poster presentation on the mammoth discovery was made at the Geological Society of America annual meeting in Seattle on October 22, 2017 (by Mark Amara, Luke and Kole Tonnemaker).

The Minutes from the October meeting were approved by a motion from Mark Amara and seconded by Birdie Hensley.

The meeting agenda was amended to add the Eastern Washington Travel Planner discussion as Item #10. It was approved by a motion from Mark Amara and seconded by Susie Barr.

The Treasurer reported there is $6162.13 in the Corridor checking account. Some yearly CCC membership renewals need to be made. Birdie Hensley motioned and Mark Amara seconded to accept the Treasurers report. Approved.

Discussion centered on the Eastern WA Travel Planner CC section article. It was approved to update the article by a motion from Mark Amara and seconded by Ken Caylor.

There was discussion on the Kiosk panel sizes and progress. Also discussed was whether Coulee City is in or out for a kiosk since their progress has been negligible in providing content for a panel there. Denis will contact them as soon as he gets back (from Mexico). Birdie made a motion that Coulee City have a final draft by November 30 and on that basis the CCC would extend Melanie’s contract, otherwise no. Mark Amara seconded the motion. It was passed.

Barbara Caylor will notify Denis Felton of the group’s decision.

Larry Julius was at the last CCC meeting (in Connell) to discuss the kiosk panels. Will send in paperwork for final approval. The Coulee Corridor Scenic Byway display needs to be upgraded. Keep the background picture and redo wording. Tim will find the original disc.

Up for election are the Chair, 2nd V Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. The nomination committee is Birdie Hensley and Mark Amara.

The 2018 Hotel/Motel Tax Grants have been sent in to Othello and will be sent in to Connell. Electric City-No. Will check to see if any others have been applied for.

The CCC meetings need more local involvement if our membership is to grow.

Next meeting is December 15, 2017 at the Country Deli, Ephrata.

The meeting was adjourned around 1:30 pm.

Future 2018 Meeting Schedule:

Jan. 19---Warden Corral Restaurant July 20---Omak/Nespelem

Feb 16---Moses Lake Red Door Café Aug 17---Soap Lake

March 16---Othello Senior Center Sept 21---Mardon

April 20---Grand Coulee Oct 19---Connell

May 18---Coulee City Nov 16---Moses Lake

June 15---Ephrata Dec 21---Ephrata

Respectfully Submitted,

Barb Caylor

Acting Secretary