Coulee Corridor Consortium

Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2015

Mama Yum Yum’s Asian Restaurant

Ephrata, WA

Present were: Chair, Tim Alling,1st V. Chair- Mark Amara, Denis Felton, Susie Barr, Nell Kovach, Chair-Tim Alling, Ken and Barb Caylor-2nd V. Chair &Treasurer, Jim and Eula Pritchard, Fritz and Leslie Kliphardt, Harry Hayter, Tiffany Quilter, Dyana Crummett, Rick Heiberg, and John Moody.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Tim Alling at about 12:15 pm.

Introductions were given.

Partner reports;

 Soap Lake is moving forward with Park and Recreation Plan. Masquer’s is presenting

 ‘Christmas in the Land of Oz’ running Dec. 4,5,6,11,12,13. Learn more at masquers.com.

 Winterfest Art Show will be Dec. 5,6,12,13 at Soap Lake City Hall from 12-6 pm.

 Electric City was awarded a technical assistance grant from the National Park Service to work on shoreline trail plan.

 The proposed new Coulee Corridor National Scenic Byway loop from Warden to Connell is gaining support and will be proposed for adoption through the Washington state legislature at a later date.

 There is a new Ice Age Floods Institute Chapter called Palouse Falls headquartered in Washtucna with approximately 30 members.

 Christmas in Warden Program—Fri. Dec. 4, 5:00—6:00pm at the Warden Community Center. Santa is there. Goodie bags and candy canes for the kids, cookies and cocoa for all. Sponsored by Warden Development Council and Warden Volunteer Firefighters of Grant County District #4.

 The Ephrata Community Trails Committee is working to finalize rights-of-use permits and construction drawings with easements in order that construction can begin in the Spring of 2016 on a new three mile paved trail west of the Canal.

 The Grand Coulee Chapter of Ice Age Floods Institute is developing a new brochure that represents our area and can be given out at the Dry Falls Visitor Center and Soap Lake Visitor Center, etc.

 Coulee City’s new 300,000 gal water reservoir is under construction. This, along with a meaningful water conservation program, should enable the town to get beyond the state-imposed moratorium that has prevented any new development in the town for the past 10 years.

 The Othello Sandhill Crane Festival Committee is ahead of schedule on the planning of the event which will be held March 18, 19, 20, 2016 in Othello.

 The new Eastern Washington Vacation Planner guide will include a fishing guide map. 50,000 copies will be published.

 The Oct. 16 meeting minutes were corrected and approved by a motion from Mark Amara and seconded by Denis Felton.

 The agenda was corrected to include the election of Treasurer, 2nd Vice Chair, Secretary and Chair. Added to the agenda was a discussion of proposed changes to the Eastern Washington Travel Planner narrative for 2016. Also corrected was the amount of grant money requested from the City of Othello of $1050. Barbara Caylor motioned, Mark Amara seconded to approve changes. Passed.

 The treasurer reported there is $388.33 in the checking account. There were three items to be approved—American Road invoice for $861/NW Weekend Getaways invoice for $1000 and a CC check to be written for ink up to $30. Rick Heiberg motioned, Ken Caylor seconded to approve the expenditures after some city reimbursements are received. Passed.

 The 2005 grant committee is moving along. Working with graphic designer to get the panels done for the kiosks. They need city locations and the kiosk materials .

 The pictures for the display at the Grand Coulee Dam Visitor Center have been printed and framed. There are 10-12 pictures that are being installed by the Bureau of Reclamation. Tim Alling told the story of the 1912 Geological Tour that these pictures represent.

 The newsletter needs articles for the next edition as soon as possible.

 The nomination committee of Denis Felton and Mark Amara stated that the positions of Chair, 2nd Vice Chair and Treasurer are up for election . The office of Secretary has been vacant for some time and is open for election with 1 year left. Elections will be next month at Don’s Restaurant in Soap Lake on December 18. Only members with 2015 membership are eligible to vote.

Mark Amara will redraft the Eastern Washington Travel Planner CC narrative and send it on to Harry Hayter for the 2016 edition with a cc: to Tim.

 Next meeting is at Don’s Restaurant in Soap Lake at noon on the 18th of December.

Submitted by

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