

Gardiner Chamber of Commerce

Meeting date: **Wednesday, January 04, 2012** **Started: 5:00 PM** **Ended: 7:20 PM**

Location: Community Center Board Room

Purpose/Notes: Meeting to elect executive board and start projects for 2012

Chaired by: Daniel Bierschwale

Minutes rec. by: Anna Holloway

Attendance:

Present: Bill Berg, Daniel Bierschwale, Gardiner Chamber, Chuck Curtis, Gold Strike Gifts, Anna Holloway, Cheryl Hoppe, Gina Knight, Sabina Strauss, Ker'en Walters

Regrets:

Absent: Above the Rest Lodge, Absaroka Knoll Construction, Absaroka Lodge, Adventure Yellowstone Inc, CCC Salon, Child Care Connections, Comfort Inn- Yellowstone North, Crevice Mountain Lodge, Diamond Bar Heart Guest Ranch, Diamond Heart Guest Ranch, E.L.K., Inc, Elk River Art Gallery and Studio, Entre Nous, ERA Landmark Western Land, Family Massage Care, Flying Pig Camp Store and Rafting, Gardiner Laundry, Gardiner Pharmacy/Yellowstone Perk, Gateway Hose Company, Graybeal's All Service, Gail Habener, Headwaters of the Yellowstone B&B, Hillcrest Cottages, Johnstad's B&B and Log Cabin, Kellem's Montana Saddlery, Kremer's Cenex, Medcor Inc at Yellowstone, Montana Buffalo Company, Montana Whitewater Rafting&Zipline, Mountain Mobile Auto Glass, North Entrance Shopping - Food Farm, Outwest T's, Richard Parks, Riverside Cottages, Rocky Mountain RV Park&Lodging LLC, Barbara Shesky, Smith Family Ranch, Stafford Animal Shelter, Story Distributing, The Town Cafe, The Wildside Tours and Treks, Upper Yellowstone Roundup Assoc., Wild West Rafting, Xanterra, Yellowstone Gallery & Frameworks, Yellowstone Gateway Inn, Yellowstone General Stores, Yellowstone Mine, Yellowstone Park Riverfront Cabins, Yellowstone Park Travel Lodge, Yellowstone River Motel, Yellowstone Suites B&B, Yellowstone Super 8 Motel, Yellowstone Wilderness Outfitters, Yellowstone Yoga

Late:

Guests:

(none)

Meeting Documents:

(no documents)

Meeting Minutes:

1. Chamber business

1.1. Review Agenda Status: Completed	Gardiner Chamber
1.2. Call to Order Status: Completed	Gardiner Chamber
1.3. Approve Minutes of Last Meeting N/A Status: Completed	Gardiner Chamber
1.4. Treasurer's Report N/A Status: Completed	Gardiner Chamber

1.5. Secretary's Report

N/A

Status: Completed

2. Old business

No Old business

3. New business

3.1. Livingston Workshop

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Sustainability workshop

Thanks to USDA Rural Development funds awarded to Yellowstone Business Partnership (YBP) a sustainability workshop will be offered to all area businesses. The workshop will take place in Livingston on Wednesday, Feb. 1 1-5pm. The presenter is Wendy Weaver and the event is at the Best Western. The name of the workshop is Energy Efficiency, Waste-stream Management and Preferred Purchasing Strategies.

Those in attendance will learn how to operate a leaner business by minimizing wasted time, resources, and waste.

Status: Completed

3.2. Park Street Restrooms

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Looking into places that would be good locations

Several properties are for sale right now that may be ideal locations for public restrooms on Park Street. They are: old hardware store space, saw tooth deli, and town café. The chamber currently does not have the initial funds to buy a space but options are out there once a space is decided upon. Several ideas were thrown out on ways to create a continual income on the facility to help pay for costs and maintenance.

Danny moved that the chamber should actively pursue business space on Park Street for restrooms/welcome center. Chuck seconded. ALL IN FAVOR

Resolution #: chamber should actively pursue business space on P

Moved by: Daniel Bierschwale

Seconded by: Chuck Curtis

Status: Carried

Vote: All In Favor

3.3. Gardiner Gateway Project

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Discussion of Upcomng meetings

Status: Completed

3.4. 90 day review

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Discuss feedback for new Administrative Secretary Barbara Shesky's 90 day review

Status: Completed

3.5. CITIZEN INITIATED ZONING:

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what it is

CITIZEN INITIATED ZONING:

Bill Berg brought up the idea of citizen initiated zoning. Cooke City is an unincorporated town but is able to have a say in zoning by using this idea. Basically a committee encourages and discourages things that they would like to see built in town. A petition is created and it is put on a ballot and voted on by the town. The result of the vote is a legally enforceable decision. Gardiner should consider this possibility

if we remain unincorporated.

Status: Completed

4. Committee business

4.1. Elect Executive Board

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Elect executive board seats

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

For 2012 Nomination made by Chuck Curtis for Danny Biershwale to be President

2nd Sabina Strauss ALL IN FAVOR

President: Danny Biershwale

Nomination made by Danny Biershwale for Chuck Curtis to be VP and Anna to be Treasurer

2nd by Cheryl Hoppe

ALL IN FAVOR

Vice President: Chuck Curtis

Treasurer: Anna Holloway

Status: Completed

4.1.1. Rodeo Club

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N/A

Status: Completed

4.1.2. Yellowstone Country

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March 1st Deadline

Status: Completed

4.1.3. Yellowstone National Park

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N/A

Status: Completed

4.1.4. Greater Gardiner Community Council

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Discussion of upcoming Meetings

GGCC will be meeting Jan. 12th @ 7 pm. Location to be determined

Yellowstone Country to present a project asking for \$3000 for marketing monies to use for a meeting in Helena. This meeting to take place January 17th at Bozeman Airport at 2:00 pm Jan. 19th @ 10.00 there is a meeting with all county commissioners in the Community Room at the Livingston Court House. These meeting is discuss the Gardiner Gateway Project. GGCC received a \$30,000 donation to use as planning money for the construction of the depot.

They will meet January 9th to discuss Arch Park.

Status: Completed

4.2. Public Comment

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board member needed

We need a minimum of one more board member due to Bill Bergs resignation.

Status: Completed

4.3. Date Next Meeting

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January 25, 2012 at 12 noon at the Community Center

Meeting Adjourned 7:20pm

Status: Completed
