



## **Gardiner Chamber of Commerce**

Meeting date: **Thursday, May 19, 2016 from 12:00 PM to 1:12 PM**

Location: Upstairs at the Gardiner Welcome Center

Purpose: Regularly scheduled meeting

### **Agenda:**

#### **1. Chamber Business**

##### **1.1. Roll Call & Introductions**

**Schalene Darr 1min.**

### **MISSION**

**The Gardiner Chamber of Commerce serves our community through developing local tourism while endorsing the stewardship of the Yellowstone Ecosystem.**

Schalene Darr, Scott Demaree, Sabina Strauss, Anna Holloway, Sue Johnson, Neli Karamfilova, Hal Broadhead, Sandy Bierle, Sharon Gilbert.

Anna Excused, Sandy?

Quorum present

Guests: Park County/Park Service Joe Regula and George Bornemen

##### **1.2 Directors /Financial Report**

**Barbara Shesky 10min.**

Update on Office Operations and fiscal year to date budget versus actual.

##### **1.3 Approval of Prior Month's Meeting Minutes**

**Schalene Darr 1min.**

Minutes of 4.21.16

Hal Broadhead: Motion to approve the minutes

Sue Johnson second

Sabina Strauss and Sharon Gilbert abstain

All others in favor

No discussion

Motion passes

**Resolution # 05.19.16-01**

#### **2. Committee Business**

##### **2.1 Yellowstone National Park**

**Brian Suderman 5 min.**

Current events in Yellowstone

Brian is not here

**2.2 Gardiner Gateway Project Daniel Bierschwale 5 min.**

Updates on the Gateway Project and the Centennial Celebration.

Barb reviewed in director's report

**2.3 Properties and Facilities Schalene Darr 5 min.**

Updates on the Public Restroom Build and Rodeo Grounds

We have forms now for use of the rodeo grounds

Scott we want the community to know the History what the uses can be he will put in a fact sheet and a questionnaire for scope of use to get their ideas we are not here to enforce what we want we are to enforce what our members want Amy and the Rodeo club took the reins thank goodness and they did as much as they could because the chamber couldn't

Questions comments ideas?

Use survey monkey

Schalene we want a braid perspective –

Scott we have people /locals that are parking their person stull Riverside was caught washing their vehicles off our water spigot.

Scott and Schalene will meet with Casey for the fireworks stand- Schalene will go to the Monday meeting to let all the construction people that they need to have all their equipment out for the horse drive and the rodeo.

We got some money!! We got the 80K from Resort tax to get the restrooms back on track we are going back out Bids out and back by the June 14<sup>th</sup> and construction

The 24-hour access men's with urinal and stall and women's with 2 stalls and then the family. The family will work as the transgender bathroom. That bathroom will be locked at night.

**2.4 Marketing Sandy Bierle 5 min.**

Updates on Marketing

Derfer to Scott- map tdg has been tasked to get this project need to talk to lynn Chan needs to be contacted they will contact her for next month's meeting.

**2.5 Membership Anna Holloway 5 min**

Updates on Membership

I am putting together a letter for members and nonmembers to help them understand how being a chamber member benefits them. It lists what they receive as members such as the newsletter ads, option on the website, etc. My

hope is to be able to hand it out to non-members to encourage them to join. Also, it will be good for current members who don't realize all the things they can do with their current membership. I have encouraged businesses to join in person but I believe the letter will be of better use than just verbal conversation.

**2.6 CVB Jean Modesette 5 min**

Updates on CVB

**2.7 Nominating Hal Broadhead 5 min**

Updates on possible future Board members

The driver for nominating is whose seats are up and who wants to remain. In the past, we had a lot of interest. Hard to get people excited now but we already have one. Scott and Sandy are terming out. Sabina can come back and so can Hal if they so choose.

**3. Old Business- Action Items**

**3.1 Non-compliant Memberships Hearing Schalene Darr 15 min**

A letter of notice of hearing was mailed 5.2.16 to both Mr. Kovash and Mr. Kemp regarding possible noncompliance with the Gardiner Chamber Bylaws Articles that belonging to the Gardiner Chamber of Commerce comes along with. The Chamber has by-laws and Articles of Incorporation, as well as Policy and Procedures that govern our volunteer board and membership. The Chamber Board has concerns about their actions regarding the Gardiner Resort Tax, and its possible violation of the Articles and By-Laws that we follow.

**ARTICLE 4**

**MISSION AND PURPOSES**

- A. The mission of the Corporation: The Gardiner Chamber of Commerce serves our community through developing local tourism while endorsing the stewardship of the Yellowstone Ecosystem.
- B. The Corporation is organized for the following purposes:
  - i. To develop, encourage, promote and protect the commercial, professional, financial, and general business interests in Gardiner;
  - ii. To promote the general health and welfare of the community of Gardiner;
  - iii. To promote trade and commerce and to foster, develop, and protect the industries of Gardiner;
  - iv. To encourage the development and improvement of transportation, communications, and infrastructure in Gardiner;
  - v. To create a strong local environment for business growth and development;
  - vi. To advocate for laws and regulations that will support, promote, and encourage a vibrant business community;
  - vii. To cultivate an atmosphere, policies, programs, and culture where members can grow and improve their businesses;
  - viii. To promote and preserve the practice of sound business ethics;
  - ix. To provide services, assistance, and implementation of community

sponsored programs intended to benefit the people of Gardiner, and to provide projects and undertakings through education and economic development;

- x. To do any and all lawful activities that may be necessary, useful or desirable for the furtherance, accomplishment, fostering, or attainment of the foregoing purposes, either directly or indirectly, alone or in conjunction or cooperation with other similar organizations, and to engage in related activities consistent with its purposes as a corporation organized under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code.

## By-laws

### Section 1.

Any person, firm, association or corporation may become a member in the Gardiner Chamber of Commerce (hereafter called "Chamber"), by:

- A. Filing a written application and paying dues for the membership therein.
- B. Agreeing to comply and be bound by the Articles of Incorporation and the constitution and by-laws of the Chamber and any rules or regulations adopted by the Board of Directors.
- C. The Board of Directors reserves the right to refuse Membership.

### Section 3.

The Board of Directors shall have power to suspend or expel a member for any violation of the by-laws, rules or regulations of the Chamber, or for the non-payment of dues, or because of any conduct that is improper or prejudicial to the Chamber, by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Before any such action is taken a hearing shall be held to discuss such violation of the by-laws, rules, regulations, non-payment of dues, or any conduct that is improper or prejudicial to the Chamber and to determine whether such member shall be suspended or expelled from the Chamber. The accused shall be notified of charges against him/her at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing on such charges.

Schalene reminds the Board of their responsibilities as a Board member and reviews the above information

Hal table until further input from legal council Sue Second Scott abstain Motion passes till we talk to the lawyer.

Mr. Kovash told the board that he felt that the resort tax was implemented illegally and that he was not going to follow the law that was voted in. He also felt that the tax was wrong as he has a business in the district, but was unable to vote on the tax due to the fact that he lives outside of the district.

Schalene responded to Mr. Kovash that it was not the Chamber's job to decide whether

or not the tax was implemented correctly or not. But by not following the Articles and By Laws of the Chamber put him in a not so good light seeing that the resort tax supports the Chamber.

Mr. Kovash and his lawyer told the board to think very carefully before kicking his business out of the Chamber.

The Chamber Board had some discussion and it was decided to table the issue until consulting with a lawyer.

Decision: Tabled until consultation with a lawyer.

### **3.2 YNP and Park County Sidewalk Etiquette Expectations Schalene Darr 5min.**

Continued research and discussion on what Park County, MDOT and Park Service rules will be regarding sidewalk use for signage, tables and chairs.

The hairpin turn open by Memorial Day work off Park Street move to Arch Park phase 2 begin August 25<sup>th</sup> move on to west main want to get out of the way contract date July 15<sup>th</sup> Phase 1 end for phase two same time in 2017

Street scape management YNP regulations how we move forward with site furnishings and such Internally talking in the park temp structures signage commercial use regs.

Intend to circle up with business owners' temporary encroachment forms will be needed business owners' improvements bumping up. Christmas lights on poles they would want to know and have it documented this is not a threatening thing it is a communication thing. George, Parks and Joe will be going around to speak to owners, also ADA compliance is an important factor benches chairs can't impede.

Funding for the project areas have ADA compliance requirements

Scott- Park Service Policing Park Street.? Who will police the rest of town?

Joe we aren't looking to police we are looking for buy in – a self-regulating process--

So it is a law for ADA so it would be Park County law enforcement. If it comes to that.

Their initial plan is to talk to every business

Scott maybe a diagram in the newsletter

If the whole community knows what should be going on it will help with self-policing.

The Park is also going to get a formal survey to finally determine the boundary.

Joe Gross- Garbage cans?

Joe Regula-Yes, three total by the RV parking, corner of Park and 89, and YA recycling and Trash they are big ones. Like what you see in the park -14 feet long.

Gateway Project meetings are Monday nights at 5:30pm.

**4. Public Comment**

**5 min.**

Joe Gross; regarding the ILetter, he wrote in February, it was tabled and has not been discussed.

Schalene -we decided to take the high road and not address it.

Hal Broadhead: motion to adjourn

Sue Johnson: second

All in Favor

Meeting adjourned

**5. Date of next meeting.**

**1 min.**

June 16, 2016

President's note: Committee Chairs are responsible to meet and report not Barb's responsibility to schedule or attend