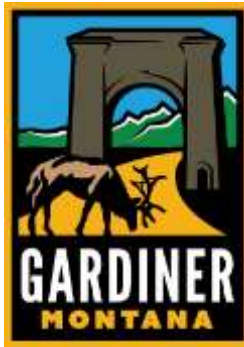


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The Gardiner Chamber of Commerce serves our community through developing local tourism while endorsing stewardship of the Yellowstone Ecosystem.

Meeting date: **Thursday, August 17, 2017 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

Location: Upstairs at the Gardiner Welcome Center

Purpose: Regularly Scheduled Meeting

Call to order 11:08am

Agenda:

1. Chamber Business **Schalene Darr 3 mins.**

1.1. Roll Call & Introductions

Schalene Darr, Sabina Strauss, Neli Karamfilova, Jim Stark, Trina Smith

Absent: Anna Holloway, Edwin Johnson

Excused Absence: Sue Johnson, Jeff Guengerich

1.2 Approval of Prior Month's Meeting Minutes

Minutes from July 2017

Trina Motions for approval, Jim seconds. Motion approved

2. Committee Business **10 mins.**

2.1 Yellowstone National Park

Not in attendance

2.2 Properties and Facilities

Front alley still needs to be fixed

Gateway in the alley broken, Kellem's willing to split the cost with us to get it fixed

Geoff and Jim will coordinate to get it fixed, consider getting a gate that opens on both ends. Chamber can cover the cost as most of the damage is on our side

Follow Up Fireworks

Need to reply to YVI lawyer letter request. Have engaged Allan Karell as legal representation to respond to requests. The draft currently written up to be given to our lawyer was approved with the addendum that we note the intention was to build community commerce and not benefit or detract from any one business. When he gives us a final draft of the letter Loren will forward to the board for a vote so we can reply as quickly as possible

2.3 CVB/Director's Report

See attached reports. July has been busiest month of the year, averaging 200 people per day during business hours. Anticipating increased traffic due to the solar eclipse. Park has recently released two new social science reports need to be shared out to the members. Will begin pushing fall content in September and winter content in October. Social media continues to grow rapidly. Have chosen Eric Ian to create Gardiner video, creating contract now and will begin filming in October. Newest member is Amerigas. MTOT will be filming in Paradise Valley in October. Website traffic has been focused on lodging expecting that to shift as we enter shoulder season.

3. Updates to Policy and Procedure Manual

***Conference Room Policy**

Room available as members benefit; non-profit members free, \$25 for members

***Rodeo Grounds Policy**

Create parking spots for rent, \$50 per month for each site

Continue discussion of best community uses of space

***Newsletter Ads Policy**

Update policy in manual to reflect policy currently in action

All policies have to be officially approved at the annual meeting happy with these changes but want to continue to make alterations. Some outdated language that needs to be updated. Loren will make changes and send out again to board to continue to alter.

4. Biosphere Designation

Approached by YNPS about the possible extension of the Biosphere Designation to include Gardiner, and other gateway communities. Consensus is that this would be good for Gardiner, would like to get feedback from other community organizations.

5. Public Comment

1 min.

See attached letter of request from Juanita Bueter. Consensus to approve putting condoms in bathrooms.

5. Date of next meeting.

September 21, 2017...time to be determined by doodle poll to be sent out by Loren