

Gardiner Chamber of Commerce

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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, March 15th, 2018 from 12:00PM to 1:00PM**

Location: Gardiner Chamber of Commerce

Purpose: Regularly Scheduled Meeting

Agenda:

1. Chamber Business

1.1. Roll Call & Introductions

In Attendance: Jeff Guengerich, Sabina Strauss, Trina Smith, Anna Holloway, Edwin Johnson, Neli Karamfilova, Mike Keller, Kristin Nunn, Jim Stark

1.2 Approval of Prior Month's Meeting Minutes

Minutes from February 2018

Sabina Motion for Approval, Neli second. No Discussion. Minutes Approved

1.3 Updates to Strategic Plan for Approval

Anna Motion to Approve, Kristin Second. No Discussion. Strategic Plan Approved (see attached)

2. Park County Presentation on Proposed Mill Levy- Clint Tinsley

Video Presentation about the proposed Mill Levy for Park County. Will be used to fund emergency services. Would like to host a public forum in the community to explain the proposal and the needs. Video available here <http://www.parkcounty.org/emergency-services-mill-levy/>

3. Greater Yellowstone Coalition Update-Joe Josephson

Yellowstone Gateway Protection Act endorsed by Tester and Gianforte, hoping to get involvement from Daines office so that it will be approved with the proposed omnibus this weekend. Request that the Chamber draft a follow up letter of support and urging Daines office to endorse.

4. Public Health Update- Juanita Bauer

HealthCare Connections van will be in Gardiner March 28th and 29th at Arch Park, urges employers to allow employees to take a few minutes to go down and get free medical work up. Mammography clinic will be the following week April 10th by appointment.

Chamber has agreed to help with advertising via the newsletter and website.

5. Committee Updates & Assignments

2.1 CVB/Directors Report

Governor's Conference, April 15-16th

Will be presenting FY19 marketing plan for approval at the April meeting

2.2 Yellowstone National Park

Mary Wilson- North District Ranger, Pat Kenney- Dept. Superintendent

YNPS updates include: Summer construction continues Mammoth-Norris with no major closures. Construction beginning Fishing Bridge to East Indian Ponds and will close the final three weeks of the season(Mid-October). Will begin visitor experience survey this summer with ITRR to address increased pressures of vitiation, have seen a 40% increase since 2008. Security is being increased at the Stephens Creek Facility due to spike in criminal activities. Bears are emerging and there will be occasional bear management area closures. April 20th Park roads will begin to open back up, increased pressure from visitors in the summer will mean less mutual aid available to the Gardiner community.

2.3 Properties and Facilities

Firework Stand Lease Renewal- Motion made by Edwin to allow Casey to lease firework stand in July. Discussion: Will allow Casey to lease firework stand for sales in July as he has done previously. The decision does not include the approval to shoot off fireworks at the rodeo grounds, this will need to be discussed further and come to a vote again before summer. Anna Second. Motion Approved.

Survey Results- Survey results passed out, due to limited time we will table discussion until the next meeting.

2.4 Membership

Newest Members-Gardiner Guest House B&B, Design Intentions, E.L.K Inc.

5. Public Comment

6. Date of Next Meeting

April 19th, 2018