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HOTCHKISS COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Executive Session - Hotchkiss Library Basement Meeting Room - 07/27/2016

Roll Call. Present: Board Members Nathan Sponseller, Bill Long, Katherine Colwell, Tracy Ihnot, Sue Whittlesey.
Absent: Robbie Winne, Carrie Yantzer (resigned due to move).

Call to Order. The executive meeting of the Board was called to order by President Sponseller at 8:32am.

Approval of Minutes.

Minutes for the June 29th Board Meeting were emailed to the board prior to the meeting by President and Interim Recording Secretary, Sponseller, and were reviewed. Whittlesey moved and Ihnot seconded approval of minutes; motion passed by unanimous consent.

Treasurer's Report.

Whittlesey had emailed the Treasurer's report to the Board prior to the meeting for review, and numbers were reviewed. Colwell moved to accept the report as presented, Ihnot seconded. Motion passed by unanimous consent. Whittlesey asked for confirmation as to whether the cost of the face cut out prop stand should be taken from Special Projects. The Board concurred that that would be appropriate. Whittlesey noted that her records indicated a membership of 104. Colwell, upon review of account balances, inquired as to whether we needed to carry the full existing balance in checking, or whether we might consider making a transfer to the Special Projects account following the income and expenses related to the Colorado Grand? The Board agreed that making a transfer of this sort would be appropriate later in September.

Communication Secretary's Report.

Colwell wanted to bring to the attention of the Board that the "Grin & Bear It" bicycle tour, which was planned to make its way through Hotchkiss, was not promoted in the TI&L because it's sponsor, Alpine Bank, had not yet submitted payment to the Chamber for its membership dues. Colwell suggested that in future years, the Chamber consider welcoming the tour. Colwell recommended that the board try to get together soon to do a group photo with the photo face cut out prop, for promotional purposes.

Old Business.

Facilities Resource Management List. Sponseller noted that no action had yet been taken on this project, however, at the meeting the committee consisting of Whittlesey, Ihnot and Sponseller, decided to set a committee meeting date of Wednesday, August 3rd.

Colorado Grand. Sponseller reported that he and Whittlesey had been working on arrangements for the Colorado Grand. Sponseller noted that no musical entertainment had yet been retained for the event and suggested that Ihnot's band (Steady Petticoat) might consider playing. Ihnot indicated interest and offered to discuss with bandmates.

New Business.

Open Board Seat. With board member Yantzer moving to Nederland, a vacancy exists on the Board. Sponseller asked if the Board should advertise for a replacement now, or wait until the Annual Meeting to fill the seat. The Board felt the vacancy could safely persist until November's annual meeting.

Pedestrian Crossing Letter. Sponseller noted that at the last Downtown Improvement Committee Meeting that the members asked if the Chamber might encourage the Town, via letter, to replace the pedestrian crossing signs at the First and Bridge crossing. The Board felt this was a reasonable suggestion.

Downtown Colorado Inc. Workshop. The Board had been invited by Elaine Brett to attend this event, scheduled for August 4-5 at the Paradise Theatre. Board members all indicated they have prior commitments for those dates.

DMEA. Sponseller reported that the visitor center (shared with DMEA's payment kiosk, and maintained by DMEA) was in very poor condition due to lack of cleaning for some time. Sponseller contacted Junior Aragon at DMEA to report the condition. Aragon noted that DMEA was in the process of terminating the contract with the present cleaning crew and replacing the contracted cleaner.

Hotchkiss Library Friends and Memorial Hall. Sue Whittlesey explained that the Library Memorial Hall and thinking about doing some monthly fundraisers for both organizations.

Portable Stage. Discussion of possibility of purchasing a portable stage to use in the Park and other locations, using Colorado Grand monies plus sponsors. Bill Long will research options.

Announcements.

Sponseller suggested re-considering meeting times. The Board agreed that beginning in September, Board meetings would begin at 8am instead of 8:30am.

Next Meeting. Next Regular Board meeting will be held on August 31, 8:30am at the Wheeler Room in Memorial Hall.

Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned by Sponseller at 9:40am.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Nathan R. Sponseller, President and Interim Recording Secretary