

**Manitou Springs Chamber of Commerce, Visitors Bureau &  
Office of Economic Development (iManitou)**

**Board of Directors  
Meeting Minutes**

**June 23, 2011**

**Present:** Tim Haas, Jack Johns, David Symonds, Paul York, Matt Carpenter

**Absent:** Bianca Codiga, Farley McDonough, Marcy Morrison

**Staff:** Leslie Lewis

A regular meeting of the Manitou Springs Chamber of Commerce, Visitors Bureau & Office of Economic Development (iManitou) Board of Directors was held Thursday, June 23, 2011 in City Council chambers (606 Manitou Avenue). The meeting was called to order at 8:37 a.m. by President David Symonds.

**A. Action Item: Approval of May Minutes**

Jack Johns made a motion to approve the May meeting minutes as presented. Paul York seconded the motion and it passed.

**B. Action Item: Approval of New & Renewing Members**

Tim Haas made a motion to approve the New & Renewing Member submission. Paul York seconded the motion and it was approved.

**C. Action Item: Approval of May Financial Statements**

Jack Johns pointed out that there has been a difference in the Net Income as shown on the Balance Sheet and the Income Statements and questioned why. Because both reports come from the same system, staff was unable to answer the question. Tim Haas will work with staff to get the difference explained and corrected prior to the July meeting. Paul York made a motion to accept the May Financials with explanation and correction next month. Jack Johns seconded the motion and it passed.

**D. Action Item: Audit Review**

Paul York made a motion to accept the Audit as presented. Jack Johns seconded the motion and it passed. Matt Carpenter took a bound copy to Mike Leslie, Director of Finance.

**E. Action Item: Logo Approval**

The logo will be emailed to the Board. The Board asked about setting up an email extension for staff of @imanitou.com as well as asking Trygve about utilizing the imanitou.com address.

## **F. Interview Process – COO Position**

On Sunday, July 10, 4 – 6 p.m., the Chamber will host a reception for the candidates at the Garden of the Gods Trading Post. Light “finger food” will be served and a cash bar will be available. Notice will be sent to the membership so they may attend, meet the candidates, and offer observations/comments to the Board. After receiving suggested questions from Phil, the board will make determinations as to who is asking what, or tweak the questions to fit Manitou, either through email or a special meeting prior to the interviews.

Paul will offer a special rate to iManitou for the candidates needing accommodations but does still need to check availability for that evening.

## **G. City Report**

City Council approved the Buddy Walk for September. They appointed Marcy Morrison to be the representative on the Fountain Creek Watershed Board. They also approved modifications to the Stagecoach Inn’s liquor license. City Council expressed support for the Sharrows Lane. City Council did not support the Sustainable Parks Initiative, which was pulled yesterday.

Matt Carpenter felt that in the Parking Meeting, some people changed their opinions through the information and education process shared at those tables.

City Council approved the Mineral Springs Foundation being run with the Luau.

Coreen Toll was selected to fill the vacant City Council Seat for Ward 2. City Council imposed water restrictions due to the water shortage. They approved a Conditional Use of a business without a building (set on private property).

Sales Tax for April was up; lodging was down, however, a property didn’t report on time.

## **H. BID Report**

Clint Hensley had to resign as President (family illness).

City Council at one time requested the BID for recommendations on sidewalk clutter. A Task Force (Jack Johns, Chuck England, Clint Hensley, and Dan Folke) Worked on the issue for a while but couldn’t come to an agreement and gave up.

Jack Johns stated that Hawk does a great job cleaning downtown; however, the stains from gum won’t come out of the sidewalks with just a power washer because the wrong type of seal was used on the concrete initially. The BID has received a proposal to remove the stains but the company is very expensive. Paul suggested that request additional bids.

Susan Wolbrueck is working on support from businesses to go to City Council and request Council remove the section of the Ordinance that has an end date for the BID.

Some members of the BID have met with Jack Benson to discuss the issue of panhandlers. Jack was going to make contact with people in both Boulder and about 16<sup>th</sup> Street (Denver) for additional information on what has been tried and what has worked.

The WiFi for the downtown area had a minor glitch in the unit was too noisy for the Outpost which created a couple of days delay. The BID has received a lot of exposure on the Downtown Hot Spot in the press including the Colorado Springs Business Journal, the Gazette, and the Bulletin.

#### **I. Special Events Update**

The Wine Festival was very successful with \$49,661 in ticket sales. The online ticket sales were very strong once the capability was launched. The wineries were very pleased with their sales during the event, though some of the product vendors reported their sales were very low.

The Ice Cream Social is scheduled for July 10. Colorado City Creamery is again sponsoring the ice cream. We are still receiving applications for the Pie Contest.

We are receiving applications for the Coffin Races already.

#### **J. Building Committee**

Paul York is hoping to receive the report on the building within the next week. Once the report is available, the Board can determine the next step.

#### **K. Unscheduled Appearances**

Leslie received a call regarding the organization's intention regarding the purchase of the question mark sculpture. The artist was told the organization hoped to make a decision in the Spring and the artist had been waiting for that decision since. After discussion, the Board decided to proceed with the purchase of the piece and discussed the possibility of selling tiles (for the concrete base) to offset some of the cost.

Having no additional business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.