

August 1st, 2016 Member Minutes
Shelby Area Chamber of Commerce

Members present: Matt Benjamin, Cheri Hirst, Doug Fender, Lorette Carter, Deborah Powell, Ray Busby, Brent Madred, David Doran, Andrew Schwartz, Shaun Slattendale, Jack Negrete, Nathan Gamestad, Myles Mokate, Jordan A. Hepp, Jeff Stodola, Darrel Johnson, Janetta Ray, John Salazar, Casey Smith and Robert Smith

REPORTS:

City of Shelby

- The Department of Commerce CDBG-ED is waiting on their federal funds to make a decision on the Humic Growth Solutions infrastructure grant. They anticipate mid-August.
- The City's TSEP application for water system improvements has been reviewed and all components are complete. A funding decision won't be made until the next legislative session.
- Work continues on the Data Center Feasibility Study.
- A grant application to the Montana Cultural Trust has been submitted for matching requirements to the Office of Tourism application for Champions Park concrete work for the parking lot area.
- The Champions Park Committee has met to review the work completed on the park and next steps in park development. Several fundraising ideas were presented. The committee would like to start marketing the personalized donor bricks and homestead wall stones. We are also looking into benches that are reminiscent of the 1920's era for the park.
- The TBID will be meeting on August 18th to discuss upcoming projects.
- The Chamber/TBID Social Media Committee meets monthly to discuss Facebook campaigns that showcase all that Shelby has to offer. The next meeting is August 18th. Our fall campaign will be "50 Things to Do in Shelby". The TBID has granted the committee funding to offer prizes to participants with outstanding community photos.
- The Shelby ~ Toole County Community Alert Task Force continues to ask residents to register for the public alert notification system. The test page on July 25th was successful reaching registered citizens. You can register to receive notifications via the Toole County website at www.toolecountymt.gov. Kris Ingenthron, MRE manager will include information on the PANS in the next cooperative magazine.
- The first Tuesdays under the Stars featuring Sally & Whitney Aschim was presented indoors at the First Baptist Activity Center. This week Living Room will be performing in City Park at 7:00pm.
- This month I will begin work organizing the 2016-2017 Safe Routes to School walking program; upcoming recycling events; and another grant opportunity for the business plan and case study for the multi-modal facility.

CCA

- Warden Fender had his guest introduce themselves. Many were from the newly closed Kit Carson facility in Colorado.
- The facility has a re-entry program which prepares the inmates to be more successful when they are parole.

- A victim impact class is being implemented to show the inmate show the crime they committed affected the victim, their families and society.
- The first Braille training class has been completed. This nationally recognized program can provide a good paying occupation after their release.
- CCA will be hosting a Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner on August 31.

Merchants Association will have their next meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 2 at 8 am at The Griddle.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tuesdays Under the Stars will have The Living Room on August 2 in the City Park. Lorette Carter will be serving lemonade on the Chamber's behalf.

North Toole County Picnic is scheduled for Wednesday, August 17 at Spark Park in Sunburst. If any Shelby businesses would like to show their appreciation to their customers from the north, they can contribute to the picnic financially, work at the event or send a handout/ gratuity. Contributions are still needed to cover the cost of beverages. Everyone who contributes to the picnic will be acknowledged with a handout sheet at the event.

August Chamber After Hours will be on Wednesday, August 10 at the Shelby RV Park and Resort and will include a barbeque, beverages, drawings for great prizes, and 50/50. RSVP the Chamber by August 5th and earn an extra ticket for the door prizes.

NEW BUSINESS:

August Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 2 at noon at The Griddle.

Out of Office- Audie is taking two personal days on August 4 and 5th but the office will still open at 9 am both days.

Business of the Week: Shelby RV Park & Resort: The BEST Shelby Montana has to offer! The Shelby RV Park & Resort is situated at the intersections of I-15 and HWY 2 in Shelby Montana, just below the large U.S. flag. The well maintained park includes full hook-ups, WiFi, cable, showers, laundry facilities, indoor pool, hot tub, fitness center, and much more! We have a beautiful Gazebo for family parties or just to have a barbecue under the stars. Conveniently located adjacent to a Town Pump convenience store, Montana Lil's Casino, and the Country Skillet Restaurant. Call us today for a reservation!

<https://www.facebook.com/Shelby-RV-Park-Resort280689458760200/>

Kudos of the Week

Lorette said she appreciated 1st Baptist Church for hosting the Tuesdays Under the Stars. Deborah complimented Big D's on their new business, their good service and tasty products.

Meeting adjourned. Reported by Audie Bancroft.

Featured Coupon from the new 2015 Chamber Bonus Book:

Best Western Inn & Suites- 20 % off a double queen room upon availability (1 night)

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Larson Clothing, Spa 30 & Boutique**