

August 8, 2016 Member Minutes
Shelby Area Chamber of Commerce

Members present: Cheri Hirst, Lorette Carter, Sanna Clark, Travis Clark, Mike O'Brien, Elliott Crump and new Sunburst Superintendent Christina Barbachano

REPORTS:

City of Shelby

- There is no City/County Planning Board meeting on Monday, August 8th. The next council meeting is Monday, August 15th and a special meeting to seek additional community input on the storm water project will be Aug. 22 at 7:30pm at City Hall.
- The Office of Community Development has created a rental property list for new people to Shelby. If you would like to receive the list or have rental property to advertise, please contact Lorette Carter at shbcdc@3rivers.net. It is updated weekly.
- The Office of Community Development is also updating the Shelby Business Development Brochure. If you have commercial property for sale or lease in the business corridors, please contact Lorette Carter at shbcdc@3rivers.net.
- Toole County Health Improvement Planning Committee meets Tuesday, August 9th at 10:00am at the Marias Medical Center conference room.
- MT State Library Commission quarterly meeting is Wednesday in Cut Bank. The Office of Community Development will give a presentation on the GIS/GPS mapping of city utility infrastructure which was funded by the State Library ~ Montana Land Information Act Grant.
- Opportunities Link, in partnership with Art Spot Arts Education Center has received funding from the National Endowment for the Arts to create an app for the Hi-Line Arts Trail. The mobile app will lead visitors and residents through the region highlighting art galleries, museums, artist studios and art installations. If you are interested in meeting with Opportunities Link on this project, please contact Lorette Carter at shbcdc@3rivers.net.
- Workforce Recruitment Summit ~ Attached are some of the highlights from the Workforce Recruitment Summit held by Great Falls Development Authority in July.

School District # 14

- The district has hired ten new teachers for this year.

- A new head cook has been hired and a salad bar will be added to the Elementary school lunch program.
- Inmates from CCA have painted the North side of the Junior/ High School.
- Some areas of the interior of the school have also been painted and inspirational phrases have been added.
- The gymnasium area is more open because trophies were moved to a new area.
- Work is being done in the Sports Complex area. The crow's nest has been moved; a new pad for the bleachers will be poured; a new concession stand is being developed and drainage work is being done.
- There is a new copier room upstairs in the Junior/High School.
- The old dated intercom system is being replaced.
- The August schedule is as follows-
 - Aug. 9- Board Meeting
 - Aug. 10-11- Coyotes Days
 - Aug. 12- Practice Starts
 - Aug. 17- Kindergarten Parent Meeting at 2 pm
 - Aug. 19- New Teacher Orientation
 - Aug. 22- Marsha Tate Presentation (Great Falls)
 - Aug. 23- PIR Day
 - Aug. 24- 1st Day of School
 - Aug. 29- PD Day (Conrad Training & Godfrey Saunders)
 - Aug. 31- Open House 5-7 pm
 - Sept. 5- Labor Day (No School) Bleacher installed
 - Sept. 9- Shelby versus Eureka Football Game at Washington Grizzly Stadium/Missoula

Merchants Association is hosting Crazy Days on August 11-13 in conjunction with a City-Wide Yard Sale. They will put out a flyer with individual business ads as well as a map and listing of participating yard sales.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tuesdays Under the Stars will have The Nelsons on August 9 in the City Park. Doug Fender will be serving lemonade on the Chamber's behalf.

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.

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.

NEW BUSINESS:

Business of the Week: First American Title: "At First American we are dedicated and experienced professionals committed to protecting your property rights. Our commitment is to provide the peace of mind you need to complete your real estate transactions. We love working with all of our customers and serving Toole & Liberty Counties. Contact us today to see how we can help you!"
<https://www.gofirstam.com/office/first-american-title-company-shelby-mt.html>

Kudos of the Week- Lorette complimented Sanna Clark on her leadership of the Merchants Association.

Open Forum: New Sunburst Superintendent Christina Barbachano introduced herself. She relocated from Ronan and her family includes her husband and two children. School starts in Sunburst starts on August 17th.

Meeting adjourned. Reported by Audie Bancroft.

Featured Coupon from the new 2015 Chamber Bonus Book:

Shelby Liquor Store- 10% off any purchase

**Buy a Chamber Bonus Coupon Book at Chamber office, Prairie Peddler,
Larson Clothing, Spa 30 & Boutique**

Workforce Recruitment Summit:

1. Relocation information page on City/Chamber websites.
2. Create testimonial videos and narratives of young business leaders, families of why they live in Shelby to include on websites.
3. Create a page which businesses could post job opportunities, news articles about business in Shelby, etc.
4. Have a page on website or use Facebook to post “10 reasons to live and work in Shelby!”
5. Put a map of our city and trail system on website.
6. Create a volunteer core who can visit with potential newcomers to Shelby to let them know what Shelby’s all about.
7. Include videos of residents living and working in Shelby – talking about job, schools and the community on website.
8. Feature an events calendar.
9. Connect with high school students through annual events where we talk with students about job opportunities in their home town.
10. Encourage businesses to offer internships, apprenticeships and work opportunities which may bring young people back to Shelby after graduation.
11. Reach out to college students about opportunities they could come Home to after graduation.
12. Add a changing list to our website... “Like 5 things to do this weekend in Shelby” or “3 entrepreneurs making a difference in Shelby”!