

June 12, 2017 Member Meeting Minutes
Shelby Area Chamber of Commerce

The Shelby Area Chamber of Commerce serves to promote a positive business environment as a voice and resource in partnership with business, education, agriculture, civic and community organizations throughout Shelby and Toole County.

Members present: Doug Fender, Ashley Kolve, Marsha McCubbins, Todd Horn, Taylor Wynn, Jessica Arnold and Katie Koppes

REPORTS:

City of Shelby

- A public hearing was held Monday evening in regard to a sewer rate increase.
- The playhouse created by CoreCivic Safety is on display at the corner of Montana Avenue and Main Street. The playhouse is being auctioned off to the highest bidder. Bids can be submitted via the Shelby Montana Facebook page or calling Shelby City Hall at 434-5222. The bidding will close June 30th.
- The Shelby Recycling Association will hold a cleanup night at the recycling site on Wednesday, June 14th, weather permitting. Cleanup begins at 6:30pm.
- The Office of Community Development continues to provide a Shelby rental property list. The list is sent to area employers who request it; City of Shelby; and Shelby Area Chamber of Commerce.
- Several grant opportunities will be available soon for submission for the Shelby Carousel Rest Area project. The Office of Community Development will be assisting the Carousel Committee in submitting funding applications.
- The Office of Community Development is working on an infrastructure granting opportunity through the Department of Commerce to complete another section of the storm water infrastructure system. Public hearings will be held June 19th and July 10th to seek public input in regard to this project and the City's general needs.

CoreCivic Safety:

- One additional Correction Officer will start at the facility on Wednesday and 5 more that are on temporary assignment will arrive on June 20th.
- The parking lot will be repaved next month.
- Two new signs are being painted by the inmates and will be installed in the front and back of the Chamber building soon.

Merchants Association:

- The Merchants had a booth at Saturday's Kite Festival and were kept busy selling kites.
- The next meeting is Tuesday, June 20 at 8 am at The Griddle.

OLD BUSINESS:

Kite Festival: Doug estimated that there were about 250 in total attendance for the day. The high wind speed was hard on some kites but the wind went down a bit after lunch so more kites were put up. Calvary Christian Church had free face painting, 1st Baptist Church provided free admittance to a bouncy house and free popcorn. Amy Knickerbocker and the Shelby High FFA group had food booths.

Playhouse The CoreCivic prison industry has created a one-of-a-kind playhouse. Working in partnership, CoreCivic and the City of Shelby are auctioning this beautiful 110 square foot play structure with all proceeds going to continued development of the Shelby Splash Park. Go to the Shelby Montana Facebook page or call City Hall at 434-5222 to place a bid. June 30th is the cutoff day for bidding. The current bid is \$2700.

NEW BUSINESS:

SBA Business Smart Workshop The Chamber office was contacted by Sharon Franjevic, Economic Development Specialist from the Montana Small Business Administration asking if we would like to host a workshop in either late June or July. The info was sent out to the Chamber membership to see if there is any interest. **(Please see attachment)**

2017 Parade Theme- Proud of the Past, Building the Future has been selected for the July 22 Marias Fair Parade. The Grand Marshals have been selected and will be announced at a later date. Invitations letters will be mailed out later this week to area business and clubs/organizations to consider putting a float or other entry into the parade.

Tank Trip- Twice a month through the summer Audie will submit an article to the Shelby Promoter called a “Tank Trip” which will include information for a trip that an individual or family can take from Shelby to a certain destination on a tank of gas. The June 14 edition of the Promoter will feature Fort Benton as the destination for the first “Tank Trip.” Free information packets with numerous brochures will be available at the Shelby Visitor Information Center for each destination featured.

Kudos of the Week

Lorette thanked CoreCivic for providing the free kite kits for the Kite Festival and thanked Doug for all the preparation work he did for the event.

Doug thanked the Kiwanis, Calvary Christian Church, 1st Baptist Church, Amy Knickerbocker, SHS FFA, Merchant’s Association for their participation at the Kite Festival Thanks also goes out to Jerry Larson for the preparation work he did at the airport for the Kite Festival.

Meeting adjourned. Reported by Audie Bancroft.

Featured Coupon from the new 2015 Chamber Bonus Book:

Northtown Drug- 30% off any gift item

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Larson Clothing, Spa 30 & Boutique**