

June 5, 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, Marsha McCubbins, Crissy Bauman, Lorelee Aikins, Lorette Carter, Deb Brandon, Elliott Crump, Cindy Combs, Brent Madrid and Deb Hallenberg

REPORTS:

City of Shelby

- Special thanks to Superintendent Elliott Crump and School District #14 for hosting the Tree City celebration. It was a great event. Also special thanks to Loren and the crew for planting all the trees at Champions Park. We had additional funds and so have ordered 12 more trees for Main Street and Lake Sheloole Sports Complex and Campground.
- Special thanks to the Shelby Baseball Association, Shelby Junior High, NaturEner, Leavitt Group, Comfort Inn, St. William RE kids and Deb Clark and grandkids for conducting community cleanup activities in celebration of Arbor Day.
- The final EDA reporting has been completed and we are waiting on close out approval for the Data Center Feasibility Study. The study can be found on our website under *Resources*. Consultant, Patrick Boss has also initiated marketing of the study through technical publications and industry professionals.
- We did receive word that the Heights Trail project did not receive funding. The committee said we would have better luck applying through the Transportation Alternatives grant program because it is a shared-use pathway.
- The Social Media Committee has begun a new campaign for June ~ “Let Summer Begin” and initiated several new series. The overall theme is “Champion Shelby”. On Mondays posts will include Shelby amenities and businesses listed on TripAdvisor. The hope is to increase reviews and encourage travelers to stop and stay in our community. On Thursdays, I am posting historic pictures and information. Posts through the month of June include Shelby’s beginning; Historic Shelby Town Hall; the O’Haire Manor sign; the fire of 1959; and old Shelby Swimming Pool. We will continue with the Champion Shelby theme throughout the summer.
- We still have not received word from the National Arts Council on our HiLine Arts Trail grant application for an interactive kiosk at Champions Park.
- The Shelby Recycling Association is currently working with DEQ to host another e-waste collection event in Shelby. We will have to charge for TVs and computer monitors this time. A date has not be established as of yet. The group will also conduct a cleanup night at the recycling site on June 14th.
- The Shelby/Toole County Transportation Safety Committee/DUI Task Force met on May 25th. The 2017-2018 DUI Task Force work plan was approved. Projects include advertising during the holiday season to encourage safe driving; prevention activities including another high school Power of Choice day; Red Ribbon Week support for area schools; financial assistance to initiate the DARE program again; support RASS training and compliance measures within Toole County; and give recognition to our Sheriff’s Department with an appreciation breakfast. Gateway Recovery Specialist Mary Miller is

now a certified RASS trainer and she will be conducting new server training every 2 months beginning this month.

- Gateway Recovery Services and local committee members have scheduled National Night Out for Tuesday, August 1st in Aronow Park. There will be food, music, games, a child seat safety inspection, and informational tables from area law enforcement agencies and community organizations.
- In addition to North Town Drug, Gateway Recovery Services has purchased 2 prescription drug drop boxes. People can drop off their outdated, unused prescription medications at the Toole County Sheriff's Office and Sunburst Clinic.
- The Office of Community Development is currently working on a CDBG-Public Facilities grant opportunity for additional funding to finance another section of storm water infrastructure improvement on the north-east side of Shelby. Public hearings on the city's general needs and this specific project are planned for June 19th and July 10th. The grant submission deadline is July 14th.
- Through the generosity of CoreCivic Safety, the City of Shelby is auctioning a one-of-a-kind play house now on display at the corner of Main and Galena/Montana. The on-line auction is taking place through the City's Facebook page through the month of June. The proceeds of the sale will go to continue to softscape plan for the Splash Park. This phase will include the build of a picnic area in the south/west corner of the park. Another component is yet to be installed at the Splash Park. It features Wiley Coyote.

Toole County

- The Marias Medical Center Board Meeting will be held on the 4th Tuesday of the month (June 27) at 10 am.
- The next NETA (Port Authority) Board meeting is Thursday, June 8 at 7 am at The Griddle.
- Toole County is hosting the next Montana Association of Counties on Thursday, June 8 from 10 am to 3 pm at the Comfort Inn. The meeting is open to the public.
- Fish, Wildlife and Parks is hiring another bear management specialist for this area.
- Clausen and Sons from Havre has been awarded the contract for the airport hanger project.

School District #14

The following activities were held:

- May 16-17: State Golf. SHS boys took 4th place and SHS girls captured 2nd place.
- May 22: Senior Awards Night at 6 pm had nearly \$450,000 awarded in scholarship for the graduating seniors.
- May 26-27: State Track Meet was in Butte. The SHS 1600 meter relay team took 1st place smashing the school record by over 5 seconds from 1997.
- May 28: SHS Commencement was at 3 pm in the SHS gym.
- May 31: the marathon/ fun race was held. Thanks you to the following sponsors:
- Mark's Tire; Ben Taylor Inc.; HiLine Redi-Mix, LLC; First State Bank of Shelby; CoreCivic; MCR, LLC; Edward Jones; Kiwanis; Best Western; Comfort Inn; fieldstone Gallery and Home 'N School.
- June 1st was the last day of school with an early release.

June Schedule is as follows:

- Athletic Camps are going on now. (Basketball, Wrestling, Girls Basketball) Check the websites for dates and information.
- June 12-13: Summer Institute through GTCC.
- June 13 at 7 pm: School board Meeting. Discussion will concern hiring a new choir teacher, discuss combing the 6th grade, 11 man football versus 8 man and protested taxes.
- June 27-29: Calvary Christian Church is holding their Vacation Bible School in the HS auditorium.

Marias Medical Center/Heritage Center

- The facility has hired an OR Department Manager.

CoreCivic Safety

- The facility will fund some teacher supplies for the upcoming school year.
- The facility manpower shortage is due to retirement without enough younger workforce numbers for replacement which is a problem nationwide.
- There are currently 13 temporary workers which will increase to 23 by June 20th. The Warden hopes that many of the temporary workers will become permanent.
- The state of Montana will need to make a decision on the prison contract by 2019.

OLD BUSINESS:

Kite Festival- The 2017 Shelby Kite Festival will be this Saturday, June 10 from 10 am to 5 pm at the Shelby Airport. Kite making begins at 11 am. Kite flying will be going on all day. The cost is free but free will offerings will be accepted. There will be vendors, food and music. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and picnic baskets. Enjoy a family event sponsored by the Kiwanis.

NEW BUSINESS:

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 to put in a bid. June 30th is the cutoff day for bidding.

Open Forum

The Chamber will discuss at the June 6 Board Meeting overseeing a fund that community members can donate to for funding the purchase of US flags for Main Street. The VFW group is advancing in age and won't be able to oversee this project for much longer. Further details will be forthcoming.

The Shelby Elks Club has received 3 grants: \$1000 for pool life jackets, \$1000 for the Shelby Food Bank and \$500 for the sunburst Food Bank.

The Sunburst Gala days are Saturday, June 9th.

Meeting adjourned. Reported by Audie Bancroft.

Featured Coupon from the new 2015 Chamber Bonus Book:

Shelby Paint & Hardware- 10% off Paint & Paint Supplies

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Larson Clothing, Spa 30 & Boutique**