

August 7, 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, Cheri Hirst, Wilma Steiner, Marsha McCubbins, Lorette & Tom Carter, Brent Madrid, Joe Hanson, Steve Pavan and Alex Esch

REPORTS:

City of Shelby

- We have received funding from the National Arts Council for an interactive kiosk at Champions Park. I will begin work placing the order for the equipment. The 6 benches for the park have been completed. I am working on getting them transported from Medicine Hat.
- We have initiated a new volunteer group to maintain and care for our parks and public areas. The Shelby Citizen Volunteer Corp started work last Thursday trimming the shrub and cleaning the Albertson's Park. We will finish the park this week and begin weeding the tree bases along Main Street and cleaning the weeds out of the cracks. We meet at 5:30 and work until 7:00 when the Market Music begins.
- We have the opportunity to seek funding through the Montana Main Street Program for planning funds to research and submit our Main Street business corridor for designation as a National Historical site. Designation allows the community to advertise this designation; signage; and inclusion in publications.
- The Shelby Recycling Association is currently working with DEQ to host an e-waste collection event in September. We will have to charge for TVs and computer monitors this time.
- The Northern Transit Interlocal will meet Tuesday, August 8th at 10:00 at the Transit Center.
- The Shelby/Toole County Transportation Safety Committee/DUI Task Force will meet August 10th. We continue to work on education projects within the community. We received unofficial word that we received Vision Zero grant funding to bring another speaker for Shelby High and North Toole County students. We will also review the first National Night Out and plan upcoming Red Ribbon Week activities with area schools.
- The Shelby TBID will meet August 15th at the Best Western.
- The Office of Community Development completed 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.
- The Office of Community Development also completed an Office of Tourism grant application for the Carousel Rest Area of Shelby. Also submitted were applications to the 3Rivers Community Enhancement Grant Program; Town Pump Charitable Foundation; and BNSF Foundation. Funding is sought for the finishing components of the carousel house, parking and landscaping.

- The Shelby Market & Music continues with music through August 24th. Each Thursday the food and craft market is held in City Park from 4-7:00 with music in the park beginning at 7:00pm. The remaining list of performers is as follows:
 - August 10th ~ Living Room
 - August 17th ~ The Nelson Family
 - August 24th ~ Dave & Gwen

The market will continue as long as the weather holds.

- The Social Media Committee continues posting local amenities and history on the Chamber Facebook Page. The next meeting is August 29th.
- Shelby's Dead Run is Saturday, August 12th with all proceeds going to the Marias Medical Center infusion center.
- The Shelby Street Fair and Art Walk is August 19th with car show, art walk, kid's games and contests, vendors, food and refreshments.

CoreCivic Safety

- The facility scored high with no discrepancies during last week's US Marshal's audit.
- The three top officials of the CoreCivic Corporation will be at the prison next week.
- Two new employees started in the academy this week. Four transfers from Texas and New Mexico will start at the facility next week.

Merchants Association

- The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, August 15 at 8 am at The Griddle.

OLD BUSINESS:

North Toole County Picnic had about 150 in attendance and plenty of help. A suggestion was made to cut the time from 5:30 to 6:30 for 2018.

2017 Street Fair is scheduled for Saturday, August 19 from 10 am to 3 pm with a Car Show, Art Walk, food and craft vendors. Games include a fishing booth and several bean bag games, chalk art, bubble wands, football and basketball tosses and foam water blasters A corn hole game sponsored by Eagle Beverage for 18 year and older was added. 50/50 tickets will be sold during the event with the winning ticket posted at 2:30 pm.

National Night Out Aug 1- Gateway Recovery Services and local committee members hosted National Night Out for Tuesday, August 1st in Aronow Park. It is estimated that about 300 people attended the event.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gun Raffle The Chamber is selling tickets for a 30-30 Henry Lever action rifle. The rifle has a retail value of \$769 and can be viewed at Hardware Hank. The tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased from any Chamber office or Chamber Board Members Marsha McCubbins, Cheri Hirst, Loralee Aikins, Nea Rice and Crissy Bauman. The drawing will be at the Shelby Street Fair on Aug. 19 at 3 pm.

Shelby Market & Music- Living Room will be performing on Thursday, August 10 from 7 to 8 pm in City Park.

Kudos of the Week: Audie thanked all the volunteers who helped at the North Toole County picnic.

Lorette congratulated Mary Miller and Gateway Recovery Services for the wonderful first National Night Out in Shelby on August 1st.

Open Forum

The Elks Club in conjunction with Edward Jones will be hosting an event on August 21 from 4 to 6 pm. Teachers and students will be invited to pickup needed school supplies at a tent set up at the Edward Jones parking area. A donation drop box is located at Shoko for the community to put school supplies in to be distributed on Aug. 21.

An Alzheimer's Awareness event will be held on Sept. 13 in Cut Bank with a silent auction, car show, face painting and ice cream social.

Meeting adjourned. Reported by Audie Bancroft.

Featured Coupon from the new 2017 Chamber Bonus Book:
Marias Valley Golf Course- Buy 1 bucket of balls for driving range, get one FREE
Buy a Chamber Bonus Coupon Book at Chamber office, Prairie Peddler,
Larson Clothing, Spa 30 & Boutique