

**May 8, 2018 Member Meeting**  
**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:** Nea Rice, Ashley Kolve, Sanna Clark, Erin Wanken, Cheri Hirst, Lorette Carter and Doreen Mckelvey. Guest, Jim Lassabe was also present.

**Reports:**  
**City of Shelby**

**May 7, 2018**

- As part of the action items, the City would like to resubmit the CDBG-Planning Grant application for Main Street business district historic research and submission to the National Historic Register. The council did approve the application last fall, but the dollar match is a little more than originally approved. The council approved \$2,500, but we received less from the Main Street Program grant opportunity and so would need to increase our match to \$3,100.
- We received a phone call on the Land Water Conservation Fund which was submitted for swimming pool gutter system replacement. They sounded positive in providing assistance, but no official word has been received.
- An award letter has been received on the Phase II Storm Water application to CDBG. We are working on the start-up documentation.
- The City has received news of grant award for the Montana Accessible Playground Grant application. We are waiting on the contract agreement which we will then order the equipment. Blue Imp of Medicine Hat will be manufacturing the equipment and they have a 6-8 week lead time.
- The City has not heard on the Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks Recreational Trail grant for trail maintenance equipment and development of a picnic area.
- The City did receive approval to use Arts Council funds to install four heritage signs at Champions Park. The signs have been ordered from Montana Sign Company and should be delivered in the next month. The granting agency requested we bring lighting into the park as well. We can include lighting near the heritage signs and/or light the bollards which serve as corner posts of the ring. The original design of the park shows the four corner posts lighting up. We have also been working on the paving of the parking area. City license plate funds have been earmarked for Champions Park. With paving projects scheduled for this summer, we may be able to pave the parking area as well. The Champions Park Committee will be meeting Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at noon at Pizza Hut to discuss park progress and next steps.
- The Shelby Recycling Association 3<sup>rd</sup> Mountain of Cans Challenge with Shelby Elementary School was a great success. We collected over 800 pounds of aluminum.
- Special thanks to all the groups, organizations and individuals who took part in our Arbor Day cleanup efforts as well as Mrs. Hayes 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students for their Arbor Day posters decorating the walls of City Hall.
- The Northern Transit Interlocal will be meeting Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at the Transit Center. The system has recently received 2 new regional transit buses.
- The City is in contact with Amtrak on the recent news of unmanning the Shelby Amtrak station.

- Two pieces of play equipment for the swimming pool were presented at the Parks & Rec monthly meeting. If approved through our insurance carrier, we would be able to purchase one of the pieces of equipment with Splash Park component funds. The Parks & Rec Committee will consider a fundraiser for the other component.
- The Shelby TBID Tourism Training Workshop is this Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at the Comfort Inn. Participants will each receive \$20 in Shelby script money. We have 27 registered.
- The grand opening of the Carousel Rest Area of Shelby is Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. Officials from the Office of Tourism will be there.

### **Marias Medical Center/Heritage Center**

- Erin Wanken notified us that it was Hospital Appreciation week and thanked the Chamber for promoting Springo Bingo on the corner sign by Albertsons.

### **Merchants Association**

- Sanna Clark reported that the flower baskets will be going up the first week of June. The Next Merchants Association meeting will be held May 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 at the Griddle. They will be partnering with the Kiwanis on the Kite Festival. The merchants will have kites for sale.

### **Old Business:**

**Chamber After Hours:** Cheri Hirst reported that about 70 people showed up & complemented CoreCivic on the great food, drinks, décor and the entertaining speakers. The 50-50 Drawing brought in a total of \$137.00 (including a \$45 donation from the winner)

### **New Business:**

**Street Fair:** It was decided to have a meeting @ The Alibi @ noon on Monday, May 14th

**Calendar on Web Page:** We need to decide what to use it for. Nea thought it should be a community calendar, not just for Chamber events. It would still bring people downtown & benefit Chamber members.

**Kite Festival:** The Kite Festival is being held June 9. The Chamber has agreed to pay \$100.00 for half the advertisement.

**VIC:** Doreen will set up a meeting and an agenda for the VIC Committee. (Tuesday after Chamber meeting?)

**GUEST:** Jim Lassabe (Running for Toole County Commissioner)

**REMINDERS:** Today is the School Levy Election. Friday Strings & Things is performing @ 6:30pm @. Saturday there will be a benefit for Penelope Hintz . It will be held @ the Shelby Elks Club & sponsored by the Cut Bank Moose Lodge.

Meeting adjourned. Reported by Doreen Mckelvey

### **Featured Coupon from the new 2018 Chamber Bonus Book:**

**Shelby Floral & Gift: 25% off 1 floral arrangement (\$40 vaor more value)**

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Larson Clothing, Spa 30 & Boutique**