

Veneta-Fern Ridge Chamber of Commerce
Board Meeting
Minutes of March 8, 2022

Attendance: Gina Haley-Morrell, Robbie McCoy, Candy Christiance, Carolyn Heckler, John Tribolet, Annie Molnar, Heather Blake, Matt Michel, Cole Haselip.

1. Meeting called to order at 3:03 pm by President Gina Haley-Morrell

2. Public Speaking: None

3. Secretary Report: Correction to New Business B. – File for audit.

4. Treasurer Report: File for audit.

5. Committee Update:

A. Membership: just renewals so far. Heather spoke w/owner of Joy Cart, she is interested.

B. Meet & Greet: Annie, Heather & Ellen:

1. Open House/After Hours - Chamber in March? asked about the preferred date and agenda. Grateful Graffix wants to do April 20th at 6pm.

2. Luncheon: Matt- 3/9 @ ODB, ready to go.

C. DSA: Robbie - waiting for responses.

D. Chili Cook-Off: Robbie - meeting 2 weeks ago, hoping to get businesses to compete against each other. Working on judges and Samba Ja. Got the Tavern & a band.

E. Blooms on Broadway: Robbie - 11 sold already, new arms are up, extra banners in progress, DQ wants 2 for his building.

6. Unfinished Business:

A. Online Payments for events: Robbie - machine on its way.

B. Small Business Saturday: Annie - Webinar was a series, not about what she thought. American Express has small business supplies that we can order to promote Small Business Saturday, which is right after Thanksgiving.

C. VCC position - Vicki thought the position was for 2 days per week, and can work through the end of April. Lori offered to assist. Will have a meeting with her to discuss more.

7. New Business:

A. VCC Pay Rate - Gina requested to increase pay rate from \$14.50 to \$16.50, based on job requirements. Robbie motioned, John seconded. Majority in favor.

8. City Updates: **MATT *Veneta Celebration Run -committee formed, working w/Eclectic Edge Racing, registration is up, talking with John about shirts & swag bags. Event is May 14th 9am. *City council meeting this Monday, going to bring back "If I were a Mayor" contest. *City of Cottage Grove will be at the next meeting to talk about partnering. *Evan resigned, Lisa will step in, contract w/LCOG for on-demand planning. *Bolton Hills Sports Complex - Master Plan, RFP to combine w/community member input, TSP needs to be a solid partner to maintain. *Douglas Fast Net - swap assets w/city, offer "citizen rate", build out city lines to Eugene. **COLE** *Co-Starters 10 week course through Reinventing Rural stars April 7th. *March 16th food focused Culinary Info Party, talk about needs for a commercial kitchen. Bring a design contract to the council to add to the back of the Community Center. *BR&E Interviews continuing, pushing back the due date to give more time. *Collecting applications for the Rescue Grant program. Continue to encourage businesses to apply. *Submitting application for RARE intern to help with multiple programs. * OCF possibly having an in-person event, hoping to release tickets 4/1 thru May, may have a smaller event instead. *PopUps - Saturday & Wednesday, committee to start soon. *Fern Ridge Tribune will be printing some Economic Development stories. *Attic property, continuing negotiation with Haley Hunter. *Vibrant Veneta Grant, Emporium mural, up to council for approval.**

9. Good of the order: Signature event committee meeting to follow this meeting.

Next meeting is Tuesday, April 12th, 2022

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm

Minutes prepared by Secretary Heather Blake.