

Minutes
NFCoC Monthly Working Board Meeting

7:30am, Thursday, February 4, 2010
The Buckhorn Saloon

Call to Order ~ Jack McGowan @ 7:45am

Board Member Attendance: 5 = Jack, Jen, Mark, Bob, Steve M.

January Minutes Approval: yes

Old Business

1. One Missing Board Member Position must be filled

We have 8 Board members now, need 9 total, Elissa & Alice were asked, both declined. Bob to contact Joey O./Scott P., Mark to ask Ken S.

2. Membership Update ~ Jen, Bob & Mark

Over 50 membership letters sent out in mid January with the 2010 membership deadline of Feb 15th, grace period till March 15th before removal of listing from our rosters. We have 44 current business members.

Chamber has approximately \$876 in checking, \$1950 in money market account. The \$600 for Xmas decorations that was previously reported was for more than one year's payment. The actual fee is \$455/yr. Mark spoke with the decoration company and got us a 15% discount, so we pay \$386/year until further notice.

3. New Hwy 41 Billboard Project Status ~ Steve C.

Steve C. not in attendance. No report submitted. Board still questions need for this sign especially in light of our lack of funds. Cal Trans should still be asked to provide a sign that has the universal traveler symbols (food, motel, gasoline etc). The \$1000 previously reported for sign design work was actually for engineering design by an independent company, not for art work design.

New Business

4. Chamber Fundraisers for 2010 ~ All

Ideas for alternatives to Dinner/Auction for 2010 include a donated items rummage sale. Bob has the Action Item (AI) to contact the local auction house in W&G Market and discuss the idea as a money making event for the chamber.

5. Vandalism in Downtown North Fork ~ Bob, Steve C.

Update on video camera installation and operation, patrols is the same as it was in January. No new progress to report.

6. Street Lights for Downtown North Fork ~ Bob, Steve C.

Bob sent a letter to Tom Wheeler asking for street light funding (at least \$150K), old light pole removal and new light pole installation. There is a possibility that the special district MD8A can pay for this. Mike Nolen should also be contacted

to ask for Grizzly funds to pay for this town improvement project. Jack has the AI to write a letter to Mike (and speak with him) proposing this use of Grizzly funds.

7. Jim Flanagan resigned as Executive Director as of January. Do we need/want a new Exec Director? If so, who? ~ All

The board decided that the chamber does not need to officially replace our executive director and will eliminate the official position until further notice. Various board members will take on the exec director duties as needed.

8. Who will be our new chamber CDC rep? ~ All

Jen did not ask Joan yet to serve as our CDC rep, but will ask when she sees her tomorrow evening. Alternative people should be considered in case Joan cannot serve.

9. Chamber phone, answering, voicemail, returning calls ~ Jen, All

Jen called the chamber phone number 877-2410 and got a generic voicemail greeting. No mention of the chamber at all. Board voted to change our phone service to voicemail only, with no actual phone line since we no longer have an office. Mark has the Action Item (AI) to give Bob a copy of the chamber phone bill so that we can figure out what phone services are needed and which are unnecessary. Eliminating the unnecessary services will save the chamber some money each month. Jen has the AI to study the phone bill, decipher it, contact Ponderosa to change over to voicemail service only, and then report back to the board. Any internet service questions will be addressed by Jen at the same time.

Ongoing Business

10. EDC Activity Update ~ Elissa

Elissa not in attendance. No report submitted.

11. Trash Can Refurbishment ~ Jack

Assessment done by Jack, memo not yet written. Action Item for Steve M. to contact the Boy Scouts to discuss reducing the number of cans emptied monthly to only 2 cans, and thus reducing our monthly payment.

12. Chamber Yearly Budget ~ Bob, Mark

Mark & Bob have the Action Item (AI) to create a 2010 chamber budget.

Meeting Adjourned: @ 8:52am

Next Monthly Meeting ~March 4, 2010