

North Plains Chamber of Commerce Minutes for June 14, 2011

Those attending: Patti Burns, Loch Lolly, Bridget Sorensen; Stewart King, TriStar Properties; Blake Boyles & Don Otterman, City of North Plains; Ana Singh Gill, North Senior Plaza; Dan Parsons, Impact Sign Company; Kelly Meagher, All Terrain; Lonnie Aldrich, Ran Bro Tool, Jessica Giles; Ride Connection, Dennis Brown, Portable Welding & More; Steve Centoni, Mountaindale Sun Resort; Jessica Teufel & Dick Teufel, Tuefel Products Company; Brenda Lyon NP Christian Church; Geneva Burford NP Christian Church.

Steve Centoni called the meeting to order and introductions were made.

Approval of minutes: Approved by all

Board Meeting Report:

We discussed the new banner for the Garlic Festival, the size is 4ft high by 40ft long, and we have had one business give us a bid at this time. The power company will hang the banner when it is ready to be hung across the road. Blake from the City has sent the specifications to a few printers and is waiting for the additional bids to come in. Garlic Festival has all its vendors for this year; we have only gotten one sponsorship check so far for this year. The next festival meeting will be held at Loch Lolly and it will be the Thank You dinner for the volunteers.

We talked about the Police Chief and that he had not been able to be at the meetings. Patti said that he would be at the next Chamber meeting and that he would also be attending the next Garlic Festival meeting. Steve said that he had concerns about the speed of traffic through town and that he has seen on a few occasions' car or trucks going west on commercial and turning left into the parking spaces, so they are crossing the double yellow lines. He would like to email the police Chief about this problem and have him address this at the Chamber meeting.

Patti has contacted Diane Childs from the Oregon Dept. of Consumer and Business Service, she is the Identity Theft Program Outreach Coordinator, and Diane will be speaking on the Oregon identity Theft Protection Act.

Police Chief Report;

Chief Snyder reports that since taking office he has been revising the policy manual for the department & looking into possible grants that the police department can apply for. The town has been fairly quiet, 1 burglary, a couple hit and runs a couple of stolen vehicles and a domestic problem.

Steve Centoni asked the Chief to address the question about whether it is legal when driving west on Commercial Street to turn left, crossing the double yellow lines to park in front of the businesses. The chief said that if it is done safely, with no traffic heading east on Commercial St. at the time you are turning it would not be a problem. If you are stopped by State or County officers when doing this turn, call the Chief directly.

Garlic Festival Report:

Patti reports that the festival has all of its vendors for the year and all the musicians have been hired. The City Council has approved the OLCC license, the use of the Jessie Mays, and approved the request that the Beer Garden be able to serve beer and wine until 10:30pm and the music will go until 11:00pm. So far we have received one, festival sponsorship for this year.

Dons City Update:

The City Council has chosen a replacement for the new City Manager and she will be shadowing Don for the last few days he is still working. The Glencoe Rd project is complete. The ODOT interchange will begin next year. There have been some complaints about the smell of Natures Needs, if you need to make a complaint call the City, if it is after hours leave your name and phone number, the date and where you were when you smelled the odor and the City will get back with you.

Don's retirement party will be in two weeks, he plans to get caught up on things around the house for first few months of his retirement.

The Guest Speaker:

Diane Childs, from the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services was our speaker today. Diane is the Identity Theft Program Outreach Coordinator and was talking about the Oregon Identity Theft Protection Act and how important it is to protect client's person information and just how criminals go about getting your information and what they will do with it once they have it.

Door Prize Drawing: Jim Claeys was the name drawn for \$50.00 pot, he was not in attendance. The pot will grow to \$75.00 next month.

Meeting adjourned at 12:54

The next meeting will be July 12th 2011