

GREATER WHITTIER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
FEBRUARY 11, 2015

ATTENDING: Rebecca Langton, FCS; Ashley Tanis, HAP; Kelly Bender, Lazy Otter; Ryan Grigsby, Avis Rent A Car; Tibor Molnar, Ak. Good Time Charters LLC; David Pinquioch, Ak. Good Time Charters LLC; Matt Kopec, Whittier Marine/Whittier Boat Rental; RC Collin, Harbor Store/Outpost/Avis; Bill Rome, Willard Island Video; Shawn Phillips, Custom Marine Services; Dan Blair, Mayor C.O.W.; Mark Lynch, City Mngr C.O.W.; Tim Melican, Magic Bus; Scott Michaelis, Ak. Wildlife Conservation Cntr.; Sloan Vawin, Inn At Whittier; Gordon Burton, D.O.T.; Carolyn Robinson, SprocketHeads; Holly Victoria Furman, Hunter Killer; Jamie Marshall, Hunter Killer; Scott Lumpkin, Hunter Killer; Stephanie Carlson, A. M. H. S.

CALL TO ORDER: Kelly, 12:15

GUESTS: Hunter Killer: April 20th outdoor filming will begin for 4-5 weeks. Classes with crews have begun.

Carolyn – Alaska Film Tax Credit – motivates companies to hire Alaskans. Some law makers are fighting it.

Jamie – SprocketHeads/Carolyn – best he’s ever worked with. Submit 2nd resumes to hunterkilleralaska@gmail.com

Gordon – What can we do to support the Tax Credit? Carolyn – Let Gov. Walker/lawmakers know how important this is. Let them know that the economic impact and future opportunities are very important to Alaska communities.

Kelly – Should we put something forward as a Chamber? Yes. Where will accommodations be for the crews? Scott – Still working on that, but early crews are coming in 10 days and more after that.

Jamie – We will be using diving pools in ANC and will be reaching out to people with in the next 3 weeks.

Ashley – How do we plan all of this? Jamie – we do the planning. Give us as much info on your schedules as possible so that we can plan around it.

Margaret made resolution to put forth a letter from the Chamber supporting the Alaska Film Tax Credit, Stephanie 2nd, all approved.

November minutes accepted as is by Stephanie, Margaret 2nd.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Taxes have gone to accountant. Should be simple. Website has been updated, please check it out.

TREASURERS REPORT: Per the resolution in November, the Gaming monies have been rolled into the regular checking account but Gaming is still open for future events. CD matured in December, we rolled it over again. Need to recertify the scale in May/June, this will be done by Fees. Margaret accepted report, Stephanie 2nd.

CITY REPORT: Dan – the Land Swap is making progress with fast tracking it is set to happen 2015. City Council and State Legislature must ok.

- \$4 mil going to new Public Safety Building, approximately the same size as the Princess building. Will be located across from the Anchor with ground breaking in May. Also, \$4 mil for Harbor update.
- Please let City know if there are any issues that arise with filming.

OLD BUSINESS

Maps: Maps are ready and some have been picked up. Transfield will pick up the cases and bring them to Whittier.

Sportsman Shows: We will be splitting the MatSu Show with Kenai and Girdwood. Sullivan Arena Show will stay just Whittier. Please check with Rebecca for slots available.

jars_1990@yahoo.com

4th of July: Fireworks will be held at midnight on the 3rd. Help will be needed for set up, games and bbq. Please check with RC or Rebecca. Check with Police Dept for parade info.

NEW BUSINESS

Shawn – Parks and Recreation Committee – The committee has come up with a list of goals to take for approval of the City Council; updating sports field, winter park area, etc. They are working on community events and signage right now. The committee is working with Forest Service walking paths and hiking trails. Kelly – the Chamber has about \$5000 in the bank for community projects that could help these projects.

Kristen – Saltwater Excursions will be bringing a helicopter to Whittier starting May 1st. It will be operating for tours during the hours of 9-5. Having the helicopter there will make the runway an “active” runway and make emergency flight services available. Also, Kristen would like to be able to do something on the 4th of July like the Rony Rides.

Fish and Game Trail Guide – app. 9000 have been given out. Guide has been offered to the Chamber to continue printing.

ATIA often requests photos for advertisements. Kelly made a motion to pay Bill \$30 per pic, per use up to \$200, then updating Chamber. Kristen 2nd.

Scott (AWCC) – Girdwood has printed their brochures. Contact him for a handful or Girdwood Chamber for a case.

Mark (COW) – Wants new City building to have visitors area. Shawn/Stephanie – other cities have city/chamber shared and manned office.

Tim – Everything is still scheduled and happening in ANC with the Fur Rony regardless of snow level. The ceremonial start of the Iditarod will still be in ANC as scheduled. It's important that everyone stay positive during the events so that visitors aren't disappointed.

Next meeting will be April 8th at Sea Gally at 12 noon.