

GREATER WHITTIER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
September 11, 2012

ATTENDING: Rebecca Langton, FCS; Sandy Bartles, FCS; Dyanna Pratt, C. O. W.; Bob Prunella, C.O.W.; Scott Korbe, Public Works, C. O. W.; Gordon Burton, D. O. T.; Pete and Marilynn Heddell, Capt. Cook Books; Andrea Korbe, Chugach School District; Kenny and June Miller, June's Whittier Condo Suites; Lester Lunceford, Mayor.

CALL TO ORDER: Call to order at 12:06.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Pete approved August minutes, Dyanna 2nd.
Discovery Channel called and came to Whittier with a scouting team.
Oct. 9, A. T. I. A. is having their travel conference in Anchorage. They are looking for a new contract for monies being spent to promote Alaska.

TREASURERS REPORT: Account balances were read.
The Chamber is asking for ideas for the monies that have been set aside for a community project, info kiosk, playground equipment.

CITY REPORT: Bob – Reminded everyone the today is 9/11.

- The snow damage to the P12 building did get some state funding for repairs.
- Emerald Cove and Horse Tail Falls Trails will be having work done to them this fall by SAGA and the Forest Service.
- Emergency Management received monies for some damages in the harbor.
- Cruise ship monies will be used for a portable trailered restroom that will be available for the 2013 season. Also, monies will be used to replace the boardwalk in the Triangle and benches.
- Still looking for more monies, hopefully federal, to finish the road.
- Bob is possibly leaving in the spring. Getting some projects done and working on new ideas. Wants to get with council to start economic development committee for Whittier. Hopefully the city will have the tank farm property soon and it needs to be developed, all ideas are welcome.
- Assessors will be around Whittier this fall.

Gordon – Traffic was down from 2011. Adding a cruise ship next year will bring more traffic.

OLD BUSINESS

Membership: The drive is on. There is only one outstanding member from 2012.
Brenda will refresh the map as long as it is not a total redraw. Dawn would do a redraw in exchange for a membership. She would highlight trails, museum, etc. June suggested better trail markers, down town better marked and make better use of the space. Lester suggested a straight

down shot seems to be more user friendly. Pete made the motion for the redraw, June 2nd. Pete suggested checking with Aero Tech for a current overhead shot.

Kelly – ideas for map are due by 10/15.

Walk To Whittier: March of Dimes will not be continuing the Walk for 2013. Any ideas for other organizations to continue the Walk, please contact Kelly.

4th of July: Nothing new.

Derby: Fall final prizes will be awarded 9/15. Some sponsors that have donated prizes are Fish Alaska Magazine, Dewey's, Alaska Butcher, Donaldson's, Alaska Raft and Rental and Aces.

We will need some serious help from someone to help get the derby setup for 2013.

Gina has been answering emails and will continue thru 9/30 and then the Chamber will take it back until spring.

NEW BUSINESS

Advertising opportunity - Milepost has space for the Chamber, but the price has gone up. Alaska Magazine is doing a special on PWS in the DEC/JAN issue. We will continue in the ADN and the Sportsman's Shows. Pete recommended that we contact Princess, Lynden, Alyeska, BP, Railroad, etc for help with brochure and distribution costs. They have partnered in the cost in previous years.

Lester – Met with Begich and Young offices. Meeting with Murkowski next week. They have shown a very large WANT to help Whittier become a destination city. Begich office may have ideas for Buchner Building.

More people are interested in Whittier for movie and television shoots. Lester made it very clear to them that he will only allow 'reality' television if it is a positive for the town.

Congressional offices are encouraging BIG projects, harbor, road, etc. Also smaller ones, municipal/multi purpose building, museum, etc. Pictures were passed around with ideas for the building.

Bob – The Buckner has gone back to the city in ownership.

There is a City Council meeting tonight.

Next meeting will be October 16, 2012, noon at The Inn