

# Salida Business Alliance Minutes

8.1.19

## Attendance

Allie Stevens	Monarch Mountain	Joi Santa Cruz	The Hodgepodge
Merrell Bergin	Hively Block	Sandi Lacey	The Hodgepodge
Eva Egbert	Monarch Mountain	Donna Cole	Kal Toys
Jeanne Herrick-Stare	CCC	Linda Frances	Four Winds GALLERY
Jim Balaun	Su Casa! Furniture	Ken Brandon	BOB
Pip Conrad	First Street Flooring	Angel Rowell	Discovery Pass
Sam Klomhaus	Mountain Mail	Linda Richey	Chaffee Printing
Scarlett Massine	Rotary/Volunteer	Dee Dubin	Ark Valley Helping Hands
Diesel Post	City of Salida	Wano Urbonas	City of Salida
Corrine Fowler	Good Business CO	Marianne Hancura	Salida Dental Hygiene
Vickie Sue	Mountain Mail	Corrine Fowler	Good Business CO
Mike Rosso	Colorado Central Mag		

Start Time: 8:32

Vickie Sue: Let's go over the minutes.

Nicole: Motion to approve

Joi: Second

Nicole: Started July at \$11,532. only 200 in dues. Calendars have been designed. And apparently they are now in. 4<sup>th</sup> of July, we are much further out of the red, \$393 out of the red. Never have been before. Ornaments nothing. Postcards \$31. \$50 in bags. Ending with \$13733.10.

Joi: Motion to approve.

Linda: Second

Lori: We have been doing a lot. I brought some fair books if you need them. We hosted a Continental Divide trail event. We are a gateway community. If you want to learn more reach out to me. We have a luncheon with Excel energy. The rsvp is today. We have wine fest coming up. That's august 31. Thank you for welcoming the mini coopers. There is the car show this weekend. And that's it. The motorcycle group will be in September.

VS: You guys are doing a fabulous job! City report. I'd like to introduce Diesel. The new director of park and rec.

Diesel: Hello everyone! It's budget season for the city. The big ones are soaking pools and street projects. I'm getting my head wrapped around whats going on. It's been eye opening and really fun. My office is at the pool, I'm there about half of the time.

Lori: We gave the city \$5,000 for the new parking lot and it turned out really nice.

Nicole: The big white trucks that have been around, do you know what those are for?

Diesel: There are some large junction box projects going on for the sewers. There is a lot of digging up through the alleys. Likely that is what those trucks are for. Public works is doing a lot. My position is different than Theresa's. I'm taking parks and trails from public works. I will ask David Lady about a general map of rotation. January 1 the budget will be final.

VS: We have some funds that we would like to contribute to the beautification of Salida, so it would be nice if we can sit down with someone to discuss that.

Diesel: We should meet tomorrow, because it already getting late. Amy, the new finance director is busy, so we have a little more time.

Nicole: I make a motion that we contribute at least \$500 to recycle bins.

Joi: Second. I can talk to other organizations to contribute.

Lori: The Chamber can contribute \$500 as well.

Diesel: Email David.

Donna: 4<sup>th</sup> of July, I'd love some feedback. To us it was a success, and people seemed happy, we were thinking next year of making it an equal sponsorship from locals. We need between 7,500-9000. I thought that neon was really good, and they are local. When you bring an outside band, it you have to pay 4,000-6,000.

Sandy: I think it helped this year that it was in a Thursday, so people were just starting a long weekend.

VS: We also need more help.

Lori: Half of the people that come into the chamber don't know there is a downtown. It about selling our culture so I think having a local band is fine. Maybe Bones?

Scarlett: Since I'm not doing bluegrass anymore, I've been helping with 4<sup>th</sup> of July. I've gotten some quote from bands

VS: Let have a big discussion about this in two weeks. I'm going to turn it over to Wano now.

Wano: As Vickie sue mentioned, we need your help too! I put out a survey. This group is way binger that those who come to ours. My full-time job is payed by the state health department to inspect restaurants. I have to squeeze in air quality. We can do better. We got a call about someone bringing their fox into Walmart. We've had a pretty good year for ticks. The fleas have likely infected many prairie dogs with plague. I am in the process of writing a grant to test peoples wells. We never know what to expect. It could be burning trash, hording animals, music on loud. And all of these are things we respond to; however they are not financed. Is anyone willing to step up and take these things on. We do currently have one spot monitoring Salida. I have 3 in BV and were adding one in Poncha. Once you have this data, we need to be able to analyze it, tattoo, kennels, and spas are currently not inspected, we just relay on the individual to manage themselves. If you have any idea of how you want to help, just let me know and well find something. The items that came up most were solid waste management, surface water, and air quality. Working with the public health director. We try to be as inclusive as we can. We are not ruthless but could use more ruth. Were open to all ideas. The county is budgeting. The 1A initiative might help us. Water- we all take equal responsibility.

VS: do you need us to write a letter? What can we do?

Wano, filling out this survey is the easiest. And then yes, a letter would be great. ChaffeeCounty.org and go to environment health department.

Sandy: Nestle is the biggest elephant in the room. They are awful. We are restricted and they get to pump water 24/7. Maybe some of the money that they pay for water can go to this cause.

Wano: I'm hoping that the new county plan will have a part for environmental health.

Ken: They gave 250,000 to the south part of the county which goes to the school programs.

Jeanne: When Invision did the survey, they collected a lot of information. Have you worked with them to get some of that information?

Wano: Yes, we have been dabbling with it. We do not have a water quality plan here in Chaffee county

Linda: It would be nice if the city had a policy about cars idling.

Scarlett: If a vendor has a health cert from the farmers marketing. Do you need something different.

Wano: I would. There is some leeway given to those at the farmers marketing. If they use the kitchen here, then that qualifies.

VS: Alright let's wrap it up!

End: 9:34