

Salida Business Alliance Minutes

2.20.20

Attendance

Allie Stevens	Monarch Mountain	Corrine Fowler	Good Business CO
Deborah Fields	DFields Deisgn	Sahwn Gillis	Absolute Bikes
Ken Brandon	Box of Bubbles	Robin Nejane	HCB
Lori Roberts	Chamber	Doug Bess	SFD
Donna Cole	Kal Toys	Michael Varnun	City of Salida
Taylor Summers	Ark Valley Voice	Lori Roberts	Chamber
Vickie Sue Vigil	Mountain Mail	Jim Balaun	Su Casa! Furniture
Scarlett Massine	Rotary	Nicole Balaun	Su Casa! Furniture
Linda Frances	Four Winds Gallery	Angel Rowell	Discovery Pass
Steph Perko	Kal Toys	Emily DeSantis	Mountain Mail
Jeff Croffe	Mountain Mail	DJ Detroy	Mountain Mail
Mike Rosso	Colorado Central Magazine	Adriane Kuhn	Little Red Tricycle
Merrell Bergin	City of Salida		

WELCOME/THANK YOU PARTY FOR ANGEL AND VS

Start Time: 8:50

Angel: We do have a few things to talk about, so let's take a seat and get started.

Amy: Drew couldn't be here, so I am here on his behalf.

Russ: I'm the Police Chief

Doug: And I am the Fire chief. We're here to talk about the fireworks. I've been speaking with the community about the firework shows trying to get a consensus. There are always going to be times that we have to postpone due to fire or personnel issues. After the Decker Fire, we have to have this conversation about whether or not we want to continue this tradition or look at other alternatives. We also need to speak about potentially bumping up the budget for Parade of lights.

Lori: Have we talked to other communities facing the same issues?

Doug: We're a little different than other communities being in a valley. We must also consider the issue of Folks with PTSD and Pets.

Joi: Have neighbors given input?

Doug: We have started. Folks here love the fireworks. But not doing them has become a norm in Mountain towns. Other options would be a laser or drone show. We had to postpone in 2012, 2013, and 2018.

Merrell: The mission is community celebration, so maybe we just need a plan B?

Angel: The creativity this community has is incredible.

Ken: Maybe we can project a show on S mountain.

Joi: I think If we do away with them, we'll still have to manage neighborhood fireworks.

Nicole: I don't want to give up that easy.

Doug: I usually know a few weeks ahead whether we have to cancel.

Adrian: Maybe we don't have to postpone, we just cancel.

Doug: It's difficult to store the fireworks for too much time.

Joi: Maybe the drone show could be the backup.

Doug: That might be tough to organize in the time allowed.

Merrell: Fireworks are active and, in the moment,

Doug: This is the spirit I'm looking for. As long as the community is okay with possibly postponing, we are too.

Angel: It sounds like we want the show to go on.

Guest: It's important for the people to know it's not just about the fire, but about the personnel as well. Sometimes our crews are off fighting other fires.

Doug: Exactly, I want to thank you for your time!

Russ: We hired s new officer for coding parking enforcement so that will increase starting in May. Sundays are still clear.

Pam: I'm sponsoring Faces of Chaffee County. If you would like to recommend someone, let me know.
Thefacesofchaffeecounty.com

Lori: Tomorrow we have a presentation on social media. It's almost full. Chamber Days atg Monarch on Feb 28th

Angel: There is a career fair for part-time instructors. Bring a resume. CMC has released their schedule.

Scarlett: Noon Rotary is giving away a bunch of scholarships

VS: Holiday park is also giving aways scholarships.

Ken: So is the Salida council for the Arts!

VS: When Angel accepted, I knew we were in good shape!

End: 9:31