

Salida Business Alliance Minutes

7.2.20

Attendance

Start Time: 8:33

Angel: Okay let's get started

Liz: Happy 4th! I probably have a story similar to you in that this area has touched my life and it's so special. I've been coming back and forth since 2014. It's been a deep place of healing. My background is in non profit leadership. In my new part of life I am developing as a writer and musician. I'm with River Tribe. Creating a new life. It's good to meet you all!

Keith: I would like to continue to stress the importance of taking the census. It seems like a long time since I visited with you. My apologies. The USDA bases their numbers on the figures for the next 10 years and does not adjust. Which is why it is so important to be counted. We have a 4pm briefing sporadically for updates on the coronavirus. 4pm Monday-Thursday 5pm on Friday. Kbaker@caffecounty.org. Next one is on Wednesday. Thank you!

Merrell: Shout out to commissioner Baker, it's very clear that he has taken a strong leadership position. It would be nice to have 5 minutes for public comment at the end

Pt: Fireworks are on! We're just plugging away keeping things level and encouraging folks to wear their masks

Drew: We're trying to maintain as steady as possible. There was overwhelming support for having the F street closed. We're not at a spot that we can require mask wearing. There was support for making it permanent. I'm not sure if that's the direction we will go. I think there is some creativity coming. I do anticipate mid-September to remove the closure moving into winter. We had the unfortunate incident of vandalism on street with online commentary. The reaction has very supportive for the artist. We received some criticism for our process and we understand. But we still feel it was a great project.

Angel: Still handing out bandanas from the CCVB. And we'd like to continue that! I will be out there in a dino suit with bandanas and hand sanitizer.

Lori: It's a beautiful morning. Scott Petterson sent out a press release about the bandanas. Cecil is the president of Sunrise Rotary. They'll do whatever to be part of the process. If you are not a subscriber, we invite you to be. Brewer's Rendezvous has been cancelled. T-shirts will still be available. We still have those dates so we may do something. We're really busy, our phones are busy. We have a job board now.

VS: Hi everybody! I sure miss you! I'm sorry about Brewer's Rendezvous. The Mountain Mail will be going down to 2 days a week. Tuesday and Friday. No more wimpy papers. We are going to do a big push for the e edition.

Angel: SBDC update, we had a taskforce meeting about what rights are in place for a business owner. If they declined a re-hire, they can no longer be on unemployment. They have a bunch of training coming up. The western slope start up week is going to be virtual. Join her email list. Fireworks are happening and the events we talked about two weeks ago. The Stationary parade is also a costume contest. The lights on bikes, for going down front side, riders have to be confident, but they will get to the caboose by 9:15 and then others can join. I think that is all I have. Salidabusinessalliance.org is where all the info is.

Corrine: Good morning! House Bill 1413 & Senate Bill 222: These bills establish loan and grant programs for small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. They are intended to prioritize funding for businesses owned by women, communities of color, veterans, and rural businesses. Stay tuned for application information and technical assistance! I am leaving Good Business Colorado to take a new position and I'll be managing 11 sates on ballot initiatives. I have really enjoyed providing you with all the information and we have someone in mind and I hope you guys will continue to stay engaged.

Angel: Congrats and thank you for everything! I think that's it. Anything else? If you want to volunteer on the 4th of July, let me know!