

## Salida Business Alliance Meeting Minutes: May 5th, 2022

### Attendees:

Nicole Balaun - Su Casa! Furniture  
Donna Cole - Kal Toys  
Michael Clark - Michael Clark Gallery  
Lori Roberts - Salida Chamber  
Rosella Lusk - Fay and Maye  
Patrick Amidon - Colorado Summit Realty  
Katy Grether - The Mixing Bowl  
Linda Frances - Four Winds Gallery  
Angel Rowell - Discovery Pass  
Alison, Sarah and TJ - Colorado Farm to Table

Deborah Fields - D. Fields Design  
Drew Nelson - City of Salida  
Sara Law - City of Salida  
Merrell Bergin - City of Salida  
Kathryn Dunleavy - City of Salida  
Scarlett Massine - Salida Rotary (Noon)  
Annie Ruitter - FIBArk  
Lindsay Sutton-Stephens - FIBArk  
Michael Varnum - SteamPlant

### **Call meeting to order: 8:32am**

### **SBA Report -**

Recycling event on May 7th.

### **Chamber Report -**

Golf Scramble is May 20th - get a team and swing a club!

Continental Divide Trail Coalition is May 10th - free breakfast 8:30-9:30am. Must register with the Chamber. Registration is filling up!

June 14th is Ride the Rockies: Chamber is hosting the party and will encourage riders to go into town for dining and shopping.

You're also welcome to have a free booth. It's open to the public. All are welcome. Music and food vendors.

July 9th is Brewers Rendezvous. Locals tickets coming soon!

**City of Salida Report -** F Street closure updates. Same as last year. May 25th the street will shutdown so that the businesses can prepare for the F street closure.

Paperwork is almost identical. You will need a notary to sign. The City does have a Notary in their office. If you applied last year, Sara sent an email. Katherine and Sara will be coming around to talk to business owners 1-1. Give them a day or two to process. The sooner you can get it in the better. How are the barricades happening this year.

The Tuesday after Labor Day it will reopen.

Pergolas will be out again.

No fee for permit unless you have liquor, then that's a separate.

City Updates: D Street Apts will be hoping to turn those into affordable housing units.

**FIBArk update** from Lindsay, FIBArk board chair and Annie Ruitter (EC):

Parade: 6th to 2nd Street. Moto side ends and then the group will meet a band at Amicas and have a line/pedestrian parade to Riverside Park.

Carnival: Planning to have it back. They are working to finalize the layout to account for how they can work in the carnival. Carnival on East Sackett.

Please reach out to FIBArk with any questions: Annie: 719-207-1097

**Guest Speaker Presentation from Colorado Farm to Table:** Allison, Sarah, TJ

Colorado Farm to Table is the only non-profit farm with a hunger relief mission, donating 100% of our produce at no cost to families in need.

2022 Goals: hoping to raise 135,000 pounds of produce on 10 acres. This will feed 112,500 people.

They have about 100 volunteers every summer.

Their priority is to distribute to local orgs in Chaffee County. From there, they extend their reach to other CO counties.

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After harvest in the morning, they work to quickly get it picked up and distributed. Locally, the biggest thing that would help would be storage capacity.

Starting in 2019, they transitioned from conventional to sustainable farm practices.

Will be working with local youth for hands on growing experience. They will start working with ElevateHER.

You can find them at the Farmers Market this year to share more information with the public and they will be selling some produce this year as well.

They need your support. Either with harvesting or by donation for an industrial fridge. If you have a working one that you'd like to donate, say the word!

Please support Colorado Farm to Table today! All it takes is a couple hours in the morning!

Visit: [www.coloradofarmtotable.org](http://www.coloradofarmtotable.org) or email at [info@coloradofarmtotable.org](mailto:info@coloradofarmtotable.org)

### **Business Minute -**

Michael Clark, Rosella Lusk and Patrick Amidon all introduced themselves and talked briefly about their businesses.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:33pm