

Columbia Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Minutes

Prepared by: Myia Davila

Meeting Date: September 21, 2022

Location: Eagle Cotage, Columbia State Historic Park

Called to Order: 5:31 pm by Rosanna Sharps

Present: Rosanna Sharps – Chairman President, John Favela – Vice Chairman,
Jo Rodefer – Treasurer, Myia Davila – Secretary

Board of Directors: Michael Sharps, Janine Osborne

Absent Members: Leannha Rhodes, Nate Lint, Richard Haratani, Howard White

Quorum: Met, 6 members present.

Guests: Jaron Brandon-Tuolumne County District 5 Supervisor

Approval of Previous Minutes: August 17, 2022, meeting minutes were not taken because of Chamber Mixer.

Treasurer's Report: Jo Rodefer, Treasurer

Current Balance: \$48,028 (in "escrow" for the Ice-Skating rink)

\$10,523.86 belongs to the Chamber General Fund.

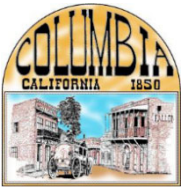
Total balance is pending undeposited funds from the Art Show and Harvest Festifall.

Motion: to approve Treasurer's Report: Jo Rodefer; seconded by Myia Davila; Board all in favor; motion carried.

Columbia State Historic Park Updates: Kristan Robinson-Bates, Concession Specialist, did not provide notes.

Event Update: Art Show on September 18, 2022. Kim Khyl, event coordinator indicated that 33 booths signed up and there were 3 cancellations. Booth fee was \$55 and the net income from the event was \$1,271.49. Ms. Khyl reported that printing costs were the most reasonable at Sierra Printing (next to Gus's Steakhouse in Sonora).

Event Update: Harvest Festifall on October 8 and 9, 2022. Myia Davila, event coordinator indicated that vendors were still turning in applications and several inquiries were coming in daily. Street musicians will be paid for through external funding.



Event Update: Boo Boulevard on October 29, 2022. The Chamber is assisting the Columbia State Historic Park in coordinating and the state is requesting \$500 for candy donations. An estimated 3-4 thousand visitors are expected. The Chamber is planning on selling bags for candy and costs are approximately \$2.77 per bag. Selling price will be \$5.60, plus tax will be \$6.00. Many concessions are reporting 30% less in sales.

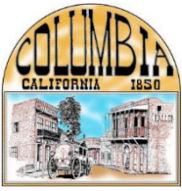
Event Update: Columbia Ice Skate Park for Fall, 2022. Rosanna Sharps reported that on September 17, 2022, opposition for the county exemption permit ended and the Ice Skate Park was “all clear” to begin set up. The contractor will be returning to the area and should start on September 28, 2022. All the sand and road base has been supplied through donations from Blue Mountain Minerals. Soft opening is planned for October 15. Staffing needs will be 2 full-time staff members and 2 part-time staff members. Stall mats will be ordered through Tractor Supply. Snacks will be sold by the Chamber and not the Marble Quarry RV Park. The Chamber will be the entity for liability insurance and Worker’s Compensation. No easement is needed with the Marble Quarry RV Park as the Skate Park is not permanent. The committee for the Ice Skate Park will handle the rest of the details.

Event Update: Columbia Town Christmas Party, December 2022. Event coordinator is Nate Lint. No updates provided.

Event Update: Las Posadas Nativity Parade, December 11, 2022. Event coordinator is Daniel Wright. No updates provided.

Event Update: Columbia Winterfest Days of Music & Gold, 2024. Event coordinator is Michael Sharps. Event is still planned but will most likely take place in 2024.

Tuolumne County Updates: Jaron Brandon, Tuolumne County Supervisor. The county has reached a stable, balanced budget. The county is looking to purchase a masticator. Housing remains an issue and there may be plans for a community center at the airport. Fire issues are seeing some resolutions as \$68,000 has been allocated from Tuolumne County to Columbia College, thus allowing 24-hour staffing of that station. The safer grant would allow \$9 million to help support the Groveland station. Cop Logic will provide an online crime reporting platform. There is a housing project planned on Sawmill Flat. SERF include 7 counties and would provide \$5 million. The county may receive a \$20 million grant for fire and \$40 thousand would be allocated to each qualifying “high risk” home. The Gateway project is moving forward. The county has authorized a new contract with Waste Management. Measure X would increase the sales tax by 1% and that increase would be split as follows: 40% to fire, 40% to the Sheriff’s Office, and 20% to roads. Fulton Street and State Street may need to be reclassified as pedestrian paths to be fixed as there is not enough “traffic” for a traffic study to support fixing the roads.



New Business: Joint Mixer with the Friends of Columbia will be planned for next year.

Motion: to adjourn Jo Rodefer; seconded by Myia Davila, Board all in favor; motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned: Adjourned by Rosanna Sharps, 6:40 pm

Next Meeting Date: October 19, 2022; 5:30 pm; Eagle Cotage