

Columbia Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting

Prepared by: Myia Davila

Meeting Date: February 15, 2022, 5:30 pm

Location: Eagle Cotage, Columbia State Historic Park

Called to Order: 5:30 pm by Rosanna Sharps

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

Board of Directors: Michael Sharps, Janine Osborne

Absent Members: John Favela – Vice Chairman, Nate Lint, Howard White

Quorum: Met, 5 members present

Guests: Jaron Brandon-Tuolumne County District 5 Supervisor

Kristan Robinson-Concessions Specialist

Approval of Previous Minutes: On February 8, 2023, minutes from the January 18, 2023 meeting were approved via email and posted on the Chamber website.

Treasurer's Report: Jo Rodefer, Treasurer

Current Balance: \$23,127.69 in the bank.

\$12,801.20 belongs to the Columbia "Ice" Skate Park

\$10,366.49 in the Chamber general fund that includes event revenue and membership revenue.

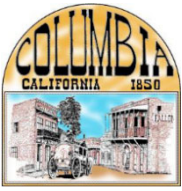
Motion: to approve Treasurer's Report: Jo Rodefer; seconded by Myia Davila; Board all in favor; motion carried.

Columbia State Historic Park Updates: Kristan Robinson, Concession Specialist, was not present and notes were read by Rosanna Sharps.

Roof repair on the Fallon House Theatre has been completed. Roof repair on the public safety building is underway. The shake awning repair on the Mercantile is in progress.

Sinkholes have been assessed and will be filled on February 15 and 16, 2023. Njirich & Sons are donating materials to assist.

On February 17, 2023, a hazardous tree will be removed by the cemetery.



The repair of the Tamale House is underway.

Curatorial training and artifact cleaning have been completed and current exhibits are looking great.

Tuolumne County Updates: Jaron Brandon, District 5 Supervisor, was not present and notes were read by Rosanna Sharps and Myia Davila.

On February 21, 2023, at 10:00am, the Visit Tuolumne contract will be discussed, including the proposed \$1.7 million cut to the revenue share. The budget cut will likely eliminate community support and international marketing.

Sent via email from Supervisor Brandon: Fire station negotiations continue. There are some questions about whether we will be able to use the existing station or not, but there is a facility with County boat patrol near Columbia Sky that may be a substitute. Several staff members, myself, and the chief went out to check it out.

The resiliency Center proposal is moving forward as planned in the grant process. No update outside that at this time until hopefully we get it.

The county is also refining our legislative platform. Prominently on there is housing, fire insurance, wildfire greenhouse gas emissions, and state funding for low condition roads.

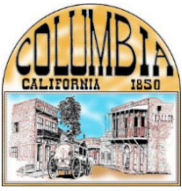
Activity Update: Columbia Ice Skate Park experience a drop in visitation during January, primarily because of inclement weather. Schedule changes and other options will continue to be explored.

Event Update: Victorian Easter, April 9, 2023. Event coordinator is Rosanna Sharps. Planning for 2023 is underway. The Chamber has agreed to cover half of the cost of the eggs because of increased egg prices. The Chamber is planning on offering gift baskets again as this was an excellent fund raiser. The schedule is being finalized and the event permit has already been submitted.

Event Update: 4th of July 2023. Event coordinator is Jo Rodefer and co-coordinator will be Justy Ragan. Event planning is underway, and the permit will be submitted soon.

Event Update: Columbia Art Show, September 17, 2023. Event coordinator is Kim Kyhl. The event is scheduled, and no updates were provided. The event permit has already been submitted.

Event Update: Harvest Festifall, October 14 and 15, 2023. Event coordinator is Myia Davila.



Several vendors have already submitted applications and the event permit will be submitted by the event coordinator.

Event Update: Boo Boulevard on October 29, 2023. The event is scheduled, and no updates were provided.

Event Update: Las Posadas on December 10, 2023. Event coordinator is Daniel Wright. The event is scheduled, and no updates were provided. The event permit has been submitted.

Event Update: Columbia Town Christmas Party, December 13, 2023. Event coordinator is Christina Lint. The event is scheduled, and no updates were provided.

Event Update: Columbia Winterfest Days of Music & Gold is pending but not scheduled at this time.

New/Other Business: The Chamber needs to move storage items out of Fancy Dry Goods within 60 days. Storage location is pending.

New/Other Business: The Chamber is exploring the use of QuickBooks for the Chamber, as well as the Columbia "Ice" Skate Park. Bookkeeping is becoming overwhelming, and the Chamber needs a solution. For the full year from January through December, the cleanup cost would be \$2,000 with a monthly fee of \$200 in addition to \$85 per month for payroll.

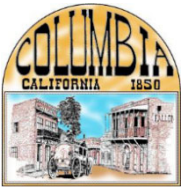
Motion: to approve the use of QuickBooks to clean up and continued bookkeeping by Jo Rodefer; seconded by Michael Sharps, Board all in favor; motion carried.

New/Other Business: Collaborating with the Sonora Chamber. Discussions to combine smaller chambers in event collaboration and resource usage were productive.

New/Other Business: Changing CCOC Membership dates to January 1 through December 31. The current Chamber membership year is April 1 through March 31.

Motion: to change the Chamber membership from January 1 through December 31 by Jo Rodefer; seconded by Michael Sharps, Board all in favor; motion carried.

New/Other Business: Columbia Inn situation; the county is considering purchasing the Columbia Inn to house the homeless. A Tuolumne County meeting will be held on February 21, 2023, at 10:00am. The Chamber will not take an official position at this time.



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

Meeting Adjourned: Adjourned by Rosanna Sharps, 7:10 pm

Next Meeting Date: March 15, 2023; 5:30 pm at Eagle Cotage