

Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce & Business Association

Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: April 7, 2022

Call to order: A board meeting of the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce was held at Britt Pavilion on Thursday, April 7 2022. The meeting convened at 8:30am.

Board members in attendance: Acting President/VP- Jerry Hayes, Treasurer- Arlis Duncan, Secretary- Mike Gantenbein, Don Tollefson

Interested member: Helena Lopez (Trotting Fox), Brian Roberts (trolley driver)

Director: Amanda Moreira

Visitors: Marsha Billeci (People's Bank)

Approval of Minutes From Prior Board Meeting: The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on February 6, 2022 were approved and posted to the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce website.

General meeting

Old Business

- Trolley updates
 - Exterior maintenance
 - Brian Roberts: Weathering and some water damage has occurred
 - During temporary storage, it has been out in the weather
 - Recommending repairs – probably some paint/stain
 - Going electric (James/Amanda)
 - Still looking into this, but we may want to consider pulling back on more research – it will be a very expensive change
 - Need to figure out funding – grants will take several years to achieve
 - Current trolley has been working well
- Annual Staff Evaluations - in process
 - One staff member is leaving, new person will be hired
- Haunted Halloween – planning

- Arlis – Waiting to figure out how many trolleys will be available. It impacts how big we can go with it.
- Storage Clean-out- schedule a date in May – probably a weekend

New Business

- Board Updates
 - Review of bylaws
 - New Chamber Board President
 - New Board member proposal:
 - Helena Lopez (Trotting Fox)
 - Belita Paluay (Belita Space)
 - Mary Kell (GoodBean)
 - Brian Roberts (Inn on 5th)
- Additional 2022 events – looking into possibilities: Art Walk, Rogue Table, Taste of Summer
- Purchased a new nutcracker statue to replace the old one
- Pickleball court issue
 - Jerry – If they want to create a new pickleball court using some of the C Street parking, we should oppose it if it reduces the number of parking spots available
 - Amanda – we should start a petition for businesses to sign
- Grant for Lodging Page approved
- Financial Update (Arlis)
 - Proposal was made by Don Tollefson and seconded by Mike Gantenbein to create a new bank account with Peoples Bank. The account will have these signers, Jerry Hayes, Vice President, Amanda Moreira, Executive Director, Arlis Duncan, Treasurer and Mike Gantenbein, Secretary. Unanimously approved by vote.
 - Arlis made a motion to increase pay for staff, Jerry seconded – Unanimously approved by vote
- Shamrock event: Successful – sold out Pub Crawl, weather was an issue on the day of the event

- Brian – can some of our historic attractions be opened up for tourists more often, can we have access on trolley tour days? Arlis – talk with Carolyn/Jacksonville Historic Society.
- Don – will continue working on Third Street park project

Next Meeting:

- Thursday, May 5th at 8:30am. Location: Bella Union