

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, James Soule, Patti Keck, Lorraine Akin, Robert Roos, Past President

Interested members: Helena Lopez (Trotting Fox), Brian Roberts (trolley driver), Brian Dunn (Kubli Haus)

Director: Amanda Moreira

Visitors:

Approval of Minutes From Prior Board Meeting: The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on March 3, 2022 were approved and posted to the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce website.

General meeting

Introductions of Board Member Candidates

Brian Dunn – New to Jacksonville. Kubli Haus. Running B&B, contracting business, boutique shop. Was very active in volunteer activities in Lake Oswego and other neighborhoods

Helena Lopez – New to Jacksonville. Running boutique in space that Jacksonville Review was in. Ready to give back by volunteering on board.

Mary Kell – couldn't make it today

Brian Roberts – Resident of Jacksonville for about 16 yrs. Currently drives trolley – would like to be Trolley Liaison to Chamber Board.

Belita Palu-ay – not able to attend today

Jerry Hayes – still acting president, but needs someone to step up and take the role.

Old Business

- Trolley updates
 - Exterior maintenance (Brian Roberts)

- Some weather damage. Did annual inspection, got painting company to look over trolley and determine costs of re-staining wood portions of the exterior, containing water penetration. Brian offering to do the work – in progress.
 - Amanda – next step, make sure we get a storage bay again once the Fire Dept. construction is finished
 - Trolley starts May 7th
 - Sat/Sun in May, Sept., Oct.
 - Tues-Sun June-August
 - Closed Mondays
 - \$5 Child / \$10 Adult tickets
 - Going electric (James/Amanda)
 - Meeting for price quote on May 17th @ 10am
 - Haunted Trolley
 - Discussed options, possibly going back to two weekends
 - Amanda – we could do something in the US Hotel, indoor haunted house concept
- Annual Staff Evaluations- completed
 - Vacancy filled by Jo Parker
- 2022 Chamber Member renewals (in progress)
 - Complete by end of May
- Haunted Halloween - planning (Arlis)
 - Weekend prior to Halloween
 - Should we look into purchasing another trolley? The ones we rented before are not available
- Storage Clean-out - May 22nd 9 am – Storage facility across from Bimart
- Pickle Ball petition – want to protest concept of additional pickleball court in C Street parking lot
 - Still figuring out how many parking spots may be eliminated. We don't think we can spare parking spaces.

New Business

- Victorian Christmas Parade
 - Jerry - need to start meeting soon, next week
 - Volunteers returning from last year so far
 - New volunteers welcome
 - Robert - discussion about changing route – turning left on 5th and continuing down to D Street, past courthouse Christmas Tree
 - Would redirect traffic from South Stage Rd. through neighborhoods
 - May consider staging north of California and routing traffic around Doc Griffin Park and up Main St. – end near Bigham Knoll
 - Decided to move forward with asking city council about route change

- Also need more personnel for Tree Lighting
 - Also talk about combining Tree Lighting & Parade
- Additional 2022 events (Art Walk, Rogue Table, Taste of Summer)
- Quarterly Mixer – Amanda - do we want to start up again
 - Positive response
 - James – may be able to host the first one
 - Lorraine – we need to draw more businesses into Chamber
- Brian Dunn – we need to update merchant map before summer season
 - Amanda – we have a good number of leftovers, shouldn't be too many Chamber member changes
- Mike G – need someone to fill in as Secretary June – Sept.
 - Brian Roberts will do
- James – looking into having an electrical vehicle charging station installed
- Amanda – the new Nutcracker has arrived
- Robert – are we still working on installing a city-wide sound system?
 - Need to start moving on it now to be ready for Christmas
 - Amanda working with Garron Lee to get estimate
 - Jerry – we need to go to city council about using TLT funds
 - Amanda – need to look into city trying to take control of TLT funds
- Board Updates
 - Review of bylaws
 - New Chamber Board President nomination
 - New Board member proposal:
 - Helena Lopez (Trotting Fox)
 - Belita Palu-ay (Belita Space)
 - Mary Kell (GoodBean)
 - Brian Dunn (Kubli Haus)
 - Brian Roberts – Trolley liaison (Inn on 5th)
 - Board votes
 - Voted by ballot for four new board members and Brian Roberts as non-voting liaison
 - Results: all five nominees were elected to serve on the Jacksonville Chamber Board

Next Meeting:

- Thursday, June 2nd at 8:30am. Location: Bella Union