
Anthony Chamber of Commerce

Board of Directors Minutes

September 16, 2009

A regular meeting of the Anthony Chamber of Commerce was held on September 16, 2009, at Smokehouse Café & Supper Club. Board of Directors present was Bryant Anderson, Vicky Knapic, Karen Younce, J.D. Hays, Ron Poor, Mary Hixson, Lori Allen, Judy Brummer and Gwen Warner. Absent was Tim Gates.

President Bryant Anderson called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m. Minutes of the previous meeting of September 2, 2009 were presented and approved as corrected by motion from Mary Hixson, seconded by Vicky Knapic. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ❑ **Anthony For The Arts Fall Fest** – The board reviewed the fall fest flyer. Gwen said that Main Street Ministry will not hold their hamburgers and Fixin's due to the time element and lack of volunteer help.
- ❑ **Pole Decorating Contest** – A flyer was available with information concerning the Fall Fest Pole Decorating Contest. If you haven't signed up to decorate a pole you may contact Karen Ryan and she will assign you a pole to decorate.
- ❑ **Arts & Crafts Shows** – Gwen reported that the craft flyers have not been sent out due to the printers press problems. A new color press has been ordered and flyers will be done by the end of this week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- ❑ **Downtown Discussion** – President, Bryant Anderson updated the board on the new committee that was formed. The members of the Downtown Planning Commission are Bryant Anderson, Gwen Warner, Ron Poor (I D Board Rep), Mitchell Hall (Kanza Bank), Joe Brummer (Retail, Irwin Potter Drug), Mike Lanie (Harper County Economic Development), Barbara Muse (City of Anthony) and Don Heidrick (ex officio). There have been two meetings of this group and some action has been taken at each meeting but nothing that costs money. To date we are looking at conducting a survey conducted by the Docking Institute. The survey would be a little costly but of good value. The committee is applying to the Harper County Community Foundation for the funds to conduct this survey. Mitchell Hall is getting more information on this. Right now the only viable option appears to be the plan where the city takes ownership of the property initially. The project would then be funded with sales tax revenue. Some smaller plans of federal tax credits has been presented and also discussion on conveying to the County Commissioners that we could use some of the landfill funds.

Bryant said the reason we are discussing this is because we want to keep you updated but also want to get your thoughts and opinions on what your hearing. If the board doesn't want the sales tax plan, we need to know that. If you have another idea that you think will work we need to know that also. At this time no one has come up with the

perfect idea but right now it looks like the city will be in real estate, even though nothing has been decided at this point. J.D. Hays said that he felt that if a sales tax is voted in it should have a sun set clause.

- **Nominating Committee Report** – Bryant asked Gwen to report on who the outgoing Chamber Directors were. J.D. Hays (did not want to run again at this time), Karen Younce and Vicky Knapic (both of whom are willing to run for a second term). We will need to follow up and finalize this matter no later than next board meeting, therefore we will be a little late getting the ballots out.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) **8 Wonders of Kansas** – Everyone was reminded to take the time to vote for the 8 Wonders of Kansas. This time the soda fountains are included in the voting which would honor Irwin and Potter Drug, which has one of the few old-fashioned soda fountains left in Kansas.

OTHER BUSINESS

BUSINESS CLIMATE REPORT

- We received an invitation to the 24th Annual Minority and Women Business Awards Luncheon, Thursday, October 15, 2009.
- Kansa Governor's Arts Awards 2010 nominations are due October 15, 2009. www.arts,ks.gov/gaa/index.shtml
- J.D Hays invited those present to the upcoming Helping Hands & Hooves Trail Ride to be held on September 26, 2009. They have more sponsors this year than any other year. Lunch will be served at noon.

Meeting Adjourned: A motion was made by Judy Brummer, seconded by J D Hays, to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Gwen Warner, Executive Director.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next Retail Meeting is September 22, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. at the Chamber office.
- *Helping Hands & Hooves Trail Ride* is September 26, 2009.
- *Anthony For the Arts Fall Fest* is scheduled for October 3, 2009
- The next Chamber meeting is October 7, 2009 at Smokehouse Café & Supper Club.
- *Sunflower Arts & Crafts Fair* is November 7, 2009
- *Christmas Arts & Crafts Fair* is December 5, 2009