

Houston Area Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting

Tuesday July 18, 2023

Minutes

- I. Call to Order
- II. Additions to the Agenda
 - a. Historic Walk in Houston – Michelle Hoskins
- III. June Meeting Minutes –Chamber did not have a quorum in June meeting was informational.
- IV. Treasurer’s Report
 - a. Balance
 - b. 990 Tax Return – Motion made by Ron Evenson and seconded by Rod Torgerson motion passed to approve 990 Tax Return.
- V. Old Business
 - a. BAM update.
 - i. Ron gave an update on the meal and what times he is thinking about time spots for volunteers.
 - ii. Food we will buy locally what we can.
 - iii. Margaret and Ron to get together to talk more about coordination such as paper plates etc.
 - iv. Ron stated they are looking at closer to 350 people to feed.
 - b. Block Party. John to give us an update on. (John was not present)

- c. Brochure/Lawn Chair update - explained why the Chamber is no longer the lead for the Lawn Chair concerts and it came down to the Chamber is a 501 6 and individuals and organizations wanted to donate and use for a tax write off but were unable to thru the Chamber and the Friends of the Nature Center is a 501c. Chamber will help if the Friends of the Nature Center need help.
- d. Plaque updates for Chamber Members (John) (Not present)
- e. Proposed benches at trailhead park. (Ron). They have an individual drawing up a plan and more to come.
- f. Brochure. Will be ordering around one hundred brochures and disbursing to the local businesses. Root River Trails is working on a brochure that will include Houston and will be featuring a map etc. of the area and will be more in detail. Our brochure is for general purposes.

VI. New Business

- a. Longevity of businesses. Ideas were discussed what we should do. Milestones and present a sticker they can put on their door showing years in business.
- b. Ashely gave an update on what she worked on as an intern for the Chamber her last day will be August 18th.
- c. Margaret encouraged the board to promote the chamber's website more. The website has tons of information on it.
- d. Ribbon Cutting Events – currently we have none.
- e. Hoedown update – quick update on what will be happening during Hoedown. The moving wall will be here from Thursday – Tuesday which will need someone to watch it 24 hours. Sign-up sheet for the Wall is at the Legion. No water wars this year.
- f. Michelle Hoskins asked the Chamber if we would like to go in with the Houston Area Museum and produce a brochure

that would talk about History in Houston. Ron motioned that we go work with the Museum on this project and Vicki seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- g. Next Meeting will be on August 19th at 5:30 p.m. at Money Creek Haven.

VII. Adjournment at 6:35 p.m.