

CTC Minutes
March 19th, 2015

Attendees:

Natalie Donges
Jim Gardner
Randy Just
Jean Plummer
Steve Reynolds
Rod Seel
Kaytlyn Berry
Molly Denton

Absent:

Andrea VanAuken
Jen Cook

The minutes from the January 2015 meeting were approved and there was no further discussion on old business. In Jen Cook's absence this meeting was led by Molly Denton.

The first item of discussion was the Shrine Bowl Banquet. All of those that presented the Shrine Bowl Bid in January were invited to attend the Shrine Bowl Hall of Fame Banquet in Wichita last month. The City of El Dorado sponsored a table and the group observed three inductees to the Shrine Hall of Fame. Jen was also able to speak with the director of the Hays CVB to offer our support at this year's (2015) Shrine Bowl. The Shrine Bowl will be held in Emporia in 2016.

Jen recently submitted the application to bid on the Kansas Young Professionals Summit for 2016 and 2017. The chosen city will be announced after this year's Summit on April 23rd in Salina. This summit on averages brings in 500 people.

The ground breaking ceremony for the new hotel was on March 2nd. The new hotel will be a Days Inn Express and will be located by the Holiday Inn Express. The approximate open date is March of 2016.

On April 1st at 5:30 p.m. there will be a Community Open House at the new Community Market Building (old Home Lumbar Warehouse, 121 W. Ash). This will serve as an opportunity for the City to hear from the community and possible interested vendors what they hope to see from the market space as well as concerns. This will be an open discussion format facilitated by Larry Crouse with the Butler County Extension Office. Natalie Donges would like to know what the rental fee will be for events at this space. It is very hard for independent businesses owners to compete with the City's rental fees when they are set so low (i.e. The Train Depot). It was also asked why the smaller produce vendors that are set up around town don't have their permits visible to the public. Molly will bring both of these questions back to Jen for a response.

Jen is currently working on the 2016 budget. Jean Plummer would like to know if there will be any money budgeted for the new "El Dorado Fall Festival".

There are 6 members of the CTC whose terms will be expiring on May 1st, 2015. The members are: Rod Seel, Andrea VanAuken, Becky Walters, Jim Gardner and Steve Reynolds. Molly passed out the "Current Member Application" for those who wish to sign up for another 2 year term to do so. There are no term limits. Molly will email Andrea's to her since she is absent. Kaytlyn Berry (owner of BrewCo. Coffeehouse) has also submitted an application for a 2 year term. Jean Plummer said that she has spoken with Kaye Laudner about becoming a member and Kaye was interested. Molly will send Kaye the New Applicant paperwork.

A few items of new business:

Rod Seel announced that the Mountain-Plains Museum Association (MPMA) and Kansas Museum Association (KMA) will have a Joint Conference in Wichita from September 27-October 1 this year. This conference will bring in people to El Dorado to visit our museums and see our town.

Molly and Jean announced that this year will be the first "El Dorado Fall Festival" on September 18th and 19th. This will be a collaborative effort from the different annual events that take place in the fall. The Oktoberfest and 5K race will be on Friday, Sept 18th. The downtown Car Show and Walnut River Festival will take place on Saturday, Sept 19th. This year is a special year because El Dorado is celebrating "100 Years of Oil". The Oil Museum will have a parade Saturday morning as well as other activities throughout the day.

The next meeting will be on May 21st at 4:00 p.m.

The committee suggested that we meet at the new Community Market Building. Molly will check with Jen to see if this would be possible.