

CTC Minutes
May 21st, 2015
Location: New Community Farmer's Market

Attendees:

Natalie Donges
Jean Plummer
Rod Seel
Randy Just
Kaye Laudner
Andrea VanAuken
Lynzi Huffman (guest)
Jennifer Cook
Molly Denton

Absent:

Steve Reynolds
Kaytlyn Berry

The minutes from the March 2015 meeting were approved and there was no further discussion on old business. Kaye Laudner was introduced to the committee as a new member.

There are many upcoming events for El Dorado this summer. The first being The Lantern Festival on May 23rd. This event will be held at the El Dorado Lake Walnut River Amphitheater. This event is put on by an outside organization (The Lantern Festival) and El Dorado will be the host. They first sought out Wichita, but because paper lanterns are prohibited in Sedgwick County, they called El Dorado. This event should bring in approx. 3,000 – 5,000 people.

Other events happening this summer will be the AAU Regional Track meet at BG Stadium (June 6), 3v3 Live Soccer Tournament at the Walnut River Soccer Complex (June 13) and the 50K Kansas Gravel Grind that will start and end at BG Stadium (June 27).

The El Dorado Community Farmers' Market will open May 30 (weather permitting). The market hours will be Tuesdays 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Saturday 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. We currently have 5 vendors that have paid their vending fee. Vendors can choose to vend per day (\$15) or pay for a full year (\$55). Jen and staff are currently working on grants that will be used for remodeling the kitchen, new windows and making the building wifi accessible. We are currently seeking volunteers to help with the market.

El Dorado Fall Festival is set for September 18th and 19th. Oktoberfest will kick off the Festival on Friday night with a 5K fun run followed by a beer garden, brats and live music on Main St. Saturday morning will start with a parade put on by the Kansas Oil Museum to celebrate 100 Years of Oil in El Dorado. After the parade, the Walnut River Festival will take place on South Main and the Car Show will open on North Main. The Kansas Oil Museum will also offer a Steak Dinner and Presentation Saturday night. The Fall Festival Committee is currently working on getting banners to hang above Main and Central. We have also created a flyer, brochure, a Facebook page and a website (www.eldoradofallfestival.com).

Jen is currently working with the FC Soccer (semi-pro) to bring them to BG Stadium. There are also plans in the future to put in a Frisbee Golf course at the old American Legion Golf Course. Other bids in process are the Kansas Museum Association Conference for 2018, the NJCAA Cross Country Championship for 2016 and the Drums Across Kansas for 2016.

Other exciting news, Molly will become full-time with the CVB in January 2016. There is also the possibility of moving office space for the CVB.

The next meeting will be on July 16th at 4:00 p.m. The committee suggested that we meet at the El Dorado Lake office. Randy Just will check on the availability and let Molly know.