

EEC Meeting Minutes – 4/12/22

Attendees –

In-person: Kelly North, Leon Leachman, LJ Fischetti, Deanna Bonn, Tabitha Sharp, Phil Benedict, Javan Gonzalez

Zoom: Tiya Tonn, Stephanie Deen, Ross Viner

JG: No new transient guest tax report.

Javan has not been able to get into contact with SBA regarding the Farmer's Market. The initial market may need to be delayed from May to June.

Javan, Ross and an event organizer have been in discussion regarding a potential renaissance fair in El Dorado on October 7 & 8. Potential locations include BG Stadium and East Park.

Ballet in the Park will be at Forest Park on June 12.

Experience El Dorado applied for a KCAC Grant to revitalize a space at 1st and Main. The EEC will choose two artists from a public call to artists for the project. The two chosen artists will then participate in a community meeting and present two options to the EEC. The EEC will then vote on the final concept. Experience El Dorado will be notified before July 1 if awarded the grant.

Kid's Week will take place the third week of July. The events will be Movie Monday, Walnuts Baseball on Tuesday, Free Swim Wednesday, Oil Museum Thursday and Stadium Friday. Leon mentioned the Elks would be a good organization to partner with for Movie Monday.

Javan presented a brief overview of the confirmed activities for Gold Fest and potential activities for Gold Fest along with a schedule of events.

Specs reached out to Kelly regarding an Amazing Race-style event to bring people into the downtown stores and get them more involved. Phil mentioned the Chamber Ambassadors are looking for activities to help with and sponsor. Phil also mentioned the possibility of a marathon on 9/18 in conjunction with Gold Fest.

Deanna mentioned Sunday afternoons are the traditional day for her pageants although she is willing to explore the idea of a pageant on Thursday or during the block party on 9/24.

Leon asked about the possibility of getting transportation assistance for elderly during Gold Fest. Kelly said SBA used to allow use of a trolley but to her knowledge no longer allows public usage. Kelly mentioned possibilities of sponsorships from a camper/outdoor company that could donate golf carts. Tabitha suggested checking with Prairie Trails Golf Course about use of golf carts.

During the member open forum Phil made everyone aware of the Mayor Prayer Breakfast on 5/5 and the Chocolate Crawl on 5/7. The El Dorado Chamber will be announcing baseball buyout nights in the near future.

Tiya said that author Roxy (100 Things to Do in Kansas Before You Die) has rescheduled her tour stop in El Dorado to 4/24 @ 2pm.