

THE GREATER INMAN OF AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

March 1, 2016
Meeting Minutes

The GIACC held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 2, 2016 at Starry Night Event Center. In attendance were Board members David Grayshock, Teri Newmark, Cliff Newmark, Tom Plemmons, Zylphia Ables and Bessie Fisher. A quorum was present. Also in attendance were: Wendy McCarty – Chamber Photographer, Chamber members Freddy Ruehl and Wanda Ballenger and a visitor, Patricia Lee.

David Grayshock, President welcomed everyone then called the meeting to order. The meeting continued with:

- Reading/approval February meeting minutes. Teri made a motion to approve with two corrections. Zylphia gave a second to the motion and it was approved unanimously. The correct minutes will be posted on the Chamber web site
- Reading/approval February financial report. Bessie made a motion to approve the report as presented. Zylphia gave a second to the motion and it was approved unanimously.
- David Grayshock with Gotcha Covered Marines is in the planning stages to jointly host a Business Open House with Service Master. A date will be announced.
- Zylphia Ables updated everyone on the Active Living Committee
 - April 19 is the Opening of the Inman Active Living Season. Held at Mathis Park, it will be from 5:30 to 7:30. Will have a Spring Stroll around downtown Inman and eight exhibitors are scheduled to-date.
 - Spoke in support of an Inman mobile app which could be used for Inman Trail maps along with much more to promote the 29349 area
 - HD Challenge run is scheduled for the last Saturday in September with CERT assisting with timing, marketing, and promotions.
 - The Committee will assist with the Santa Fun Run in December along with CERT assisting with timing, marketing, and promotions.
- Teri Newmark asked for assistance in locating someone who will chair the Hospitality Committee which includes scheduling Business Open Houses and Ribbon Cuttings. Would like to have a WELCOME WAGON program as well for new business and new comers to the area.
- Tom Plemmons, reported on the Economic Development Committee:
 - Support of Hollywild by the Chamber, Freddy commented that he is currently working with them and will report as things develop.
 - Lake Cooley is constructing an event center. Chamber should promote since it is in our area
 - Planning stages of a Meet and Greet of business professionals, bankers, realtors, economic developers to come together
 - Tom has met with Councilman Ray Rogers to discuss Economic Development and tracking what has been done or is planned

- Wanda Ballenger, Events Committee Chair
 - Annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, March 26 in Mathis Park. The time to be announced.
 - Foothills Flower Show is scheduled for Saturday, April 16, 2016 in the Inman City Parking lot on Mill Street. Carolyn Emory has volunteered to help.
 - Harvest Day sponsorship letters have been mailed. Budget is being finalized.
- Wendy McCarty, Chamber Photographer
 - Available for Opening of Active Living Season and Easter Egg Hunt
 - Contact information given to Committee Chairs for their information

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

- An article was in the paper concerning a walking app in Spartanburg. Freddy explained this app was connected to a web site. The Inman mobile app discussed by Zylphia would make possible all current information, trail maps, etc.
- Inman mobile app will be discussed in Executive Session.
- Community Promotions LLC now has an on-line 29349 Inman Times. David asked for a news release to be placed on the Chamber's web site.

Open Session

Adjournment

Executive Session immediately followed.

Submitted

Bessie Fisher, Secretary