

Notes of Kingman Main Street Meeting – June 13, 2019.

Attendance sheet attached.

General Business:

- **Main Street 4 point approach review** (Jamie Stehley) – talked about developing a Main Street district and the benefits to businesses, even those who are not located downtown. Once a fulltime Main Street employee is in place a Marketing Plan will be developed.
- **Treasurer's Report** – (Deb Vandevier – on vacation) Not available
- **Introduction of Visitors** – Donna Ferguson (potential new member), Beth Weissner (KUSD Board Member).
- **Project volunteer clipboards** - (Beth Ferry) Clipboards are setup for each of the projects. Members are encouraged to sign up for projects. Merchandise (cups, decorative license plate, caps, etc) are available for sale.
- **Volunteer hours documentation** - (Beth Ferry) Requested that members complete a card for volunteer hours in projects.
- **Becoming a member of the National Main Street Movement** - (Jamie Stehley) Talked about the benefits and opportunities in being a member of the National Main Street organization. Membership is \$350/yr. Upon motion made by Cere and seconded by Sarah, carried to approve payment of \$350 for Kingman Main Street to become a National Main Street member.

Design:

- **Mural Project update** – (Jamie Stehley) There have been some changes in the mural project that was proposed earlier, Jim Hinkley has withdrawn his support, and now there is a concern that the mural will not have an emphasis on the Hualapai Tribe as originally planned. There would have to be discussions with the Tribe before a mural could be undertaken. Paul mentioned Anna Fox wanted to talk with Jamie re: financing of murals.
- **Kiosk Update** – (Paul Gaines/Jasmine Marin) The goal is for the project to be done by August. There are 50 spots advertising available, \$100/yr (\$5,000 income/yr).
 - Information needs to be posted and keys for the locks or locks replaced on the cases at Antares Point and Metwell.
- **Gary Kellogg**, Planning & Economic Development Director for the City of Kingman:
 - There is \$350 in the budget to change the Plexiglas and locks on the Power House parking lot bus ramada, Jasmine said funds are also needed for a kiosk at Locomotive Park.
 - Trees have been trimmed by the heARTofkingman mural and it has been calendared for maintenance. The plaque should be in place soon
 - Power House:
 - Rock pavers have been put in
 - Remodeling of area for new employee
 - Two ports have been put in parking area for electric vehicles

- Tourism shop will carry Main Street products to sell.
- New benches have been added at Locomotive Park and on Route 66.
- Up to \$5,000 in grant funds to improve facades of buildings, lighting, signs, etc. will be available after July. Members were urged to let shop owners know about the funds.
- Airport café remodel underway – should be finished in six weeks
 - Paul Gaines mentioned Rob Chilcoat, a former KMS member, who recently passed away, and Rob’s support of the Aviation Museum at the airport.
 - Paul is involved in a new 501c3 group project to create a new “Aviation Heritage Center of Kingman”, a 30,000 sq’ aviation museum building, at the airport. It will have electric charging stations for airlines and historical displays. “The Community Airport is the Main Street of America.”
- **Little Free Libraries** – (Sarah Ferry-Finn/Donna Pederson) The plan is to have little library boxes to distribute to downtown shops the first part of August for the shops to decorate and have in place by First Friday in September. At FF, maps to view and vote on the best book boxes would be sold for \$10. The winner would receive a best Little Library certificate. Those bringing books to donate would receive a library button. The vision for the Little Libraries is to have small art-decorated boxes outside of interested shops that will hold adult & child books for a bring-a-book/take-a-book exchange in the downtown area. Also, in talking with the Geo Group, which staffs the prison outside of Kingman, it is now expected that the shop class at the prison will build and donate 10-12 library boxes. The Farmhouse may offer a class in the decorating of the boxes.

Organizations:

- **Upcoming City Agenda Items** – (Travis Lingenfelter, Kingman City Council) – urged the group to be active in coming to Council meetings. Councilmen Lingenfelter brought attention to the workshops on the following items:
 - **Historic Beale Hotel downtown** - 6/18 in-depth discussion on what can be done with the hotel
 - **Code enforcement** – review and discussion of 2012 code for public areas
 - **Downtown wifi** – equipment on light poles, etc
 - **Pilot program for parklets** – would block 2 or 3 parking spaces but businesses benefit, privately funded.
 - **Targeted financing for downtown** - City will have \$500,00 for downtown drainage and other projects. Two to three percent of it will be open to the downtown district and gasoline alley businesses.

Other Items:

- Council 6/18 consent agenda for a contract to Update and Expansion of the Downtown Historic Overlay District and item G) the extension of the current commercial fee waiver program until September 30, 2019 or until the Council adopts a resolution that forms an infill district that addresses commercial development/redevelopment along the Route 66 corridor.

- Member Paul Gaines said he often Council attends meetings and will act as a liaison to keep us informed of issues, along with KMS member Jamie Stehley who serves on the Kingman City Council.
- **Palo Christi School update** – Beth Weisser, KUSD Board member, told the group that the Kingman Unified School District Board voted to proceed with a \$35 million bond issue for election in November, 2019, for capital improvements which would include \$17 million for the renovation of Palo Christi in downtown Kingman plus capital improvements. The bond, if passed, would add \$56.41 a year to a \$100,000 house tax bill.

Promotions:

- **KMS Booth update** – (Beth Ferry) She will not be here for July FF but has organized the table setup in boxes which should simplify the process.
 - **Raffle Ticket Update** – Sales have been really slow. Members were urged to take tickets to sell. Donna will contact Diana’s Cellar Door, Gracie’s Vintage and the Farmhouse to offer tickets for sale and the locations will be put on FaceBook. Drawing will be held July 5th at First Friday at 8:30 p.m.
- **Andy Devine Days Parking Lot Event update** – (Patti Cummins) Not available.
- **New:** (Sarah Ferry-Finn):
 - The grand opening of her new store West of 3rd will be on Friday, June 21st.
 - One of her customers wants to start a new practice of having cloth bags available for people to pick up and use while they shop downtown and the bags can be left at any of the downtown businesses to be re-used. The name of the project is “Boomerang Bags”.
 - Another project suggested is to have a crowd funding for water bottle filling stations at the community parks.

Vitality:

- **Kingman Turquoise Festival update** - (Donna/Caitlin/Laura) Donna reported the group has a tentative budget but is waiting for park rental figures from the City pending 2019-2020 City budget decisions. Timeline is underway and they have begun the vendor/sponsorship list.
- **First Friday, July 5th, 2019** – (Sarah) The theme will be “Picnic in the Park” at Metcalfe Park with vendors, lots of games being offer and a water slide and other activities.
- **SBDC** – (Meghan) There will be a workshop on Thursday 7/18 from 8:30-10:30 on “Creating an Online Presence”.

Submitted: Donna Pederson