Tourism Promotion Advisory Committee (TPAC) Minutes Friday, April 4, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 4:00 PM

ROLL CALL

Present: Committee members Barbara Ciaramella, Candice Michel, Bob Pieper, Joe Willett, Chair Tim Patterson

Absent: Committee Members, Ron McCreary and Skip Watwood

Also present: City Manager Gary Milliman

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made to approve the minutes of March 20, 2014; motion seconded and Commission voted; the motion carried unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

4. ACTION ITEMS

a. 2014-15 Budget Planning - Gary explained budget procedure and committee discussed 2014-15 budget. While discussing the event tent Barbara advised she had provided Ted Fitzgerald of the Port with additional tent information and was advised that the port is putting the tent on hold and looking at lowering their liability and investment and possible other options. Barbara contacted Arlis Steele of the Chamber to determine if they were interested in contributing to the tent and Arlis requested further information on the tent to present to the Chamber members. Tim suggested inviting Ted Fitzgerald to the next meeting to discuss the tent further and determine if the Port was still interested in pursuing. Committee discussed adding another \$5000 to the event tent budget to for a total allocation of \$10,000 to the tent. Committee discussed extending Channel 5 TV ad contract for two months so summer events are covered. Motion made to spend \$1600 from current budget to extend the TV ad contract with Channel 5 through the summer, motion seconded and Commission voted; the motion passes unanimously. Committee discussed and reviewed 2014—15 budget line items. Determined \$500 to Travel/Training, Events \$12000, Website/Social Media/Icon to Website \$4500, Advertising - TV \$1600, Advertising - Print \$0, Advertising - Radio \$2000, Event Tent \$10,000, Administration \$3000, Visitor/Support Staff \$9641, and Supplies/Materials \$250. Gary advised that the City Council will be discussing to make the TPAC a formal commission or to continue as a committee at an upcoming City Council Workshop, Gary explained the differences. Council needs to decide if they want this committee to be an ongoing tourism program and hold commissioners responsible for administration or want a committee that recommends funding for tourism. Committee members in favor of staff continuing to provide administrative responsibility and support. Committee members questioned if a tourism brochure is available, Gary advised the chamber brochure is available. Gary advised an RFP would be required to pursue tourism website, and if committee would like to pursue it would have to go to Council. Barbara wondered if a tourism site could be incorporated into the City website if money was budgeted towards it, Candice did not believe a tourism website should be piggybacked with a city government website to tourists. Tim and Barbara suggested the committee create further event policies determining if they will consider funding ongoing events and closer scrutiny of event funding requests. Motion made to approve budget discussed to City Council, motion seconded and Commission voted; the motion passes unanimously.

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

a. Apple Box Media Invoice – Gary provided Apple Box Invoice of \$5250, questioned if they had completed contract requirements. Candice advised videos are done, says Chris is willing to put up a You Tube page. Gary advised he would like to review if KOBI had set up a YouTube account before Chris makes a new YouTube account. Joyce Heffington appeared before the committee and advised that KOBI does have a City You Tube page and Chris can send videos to her to upload. She suggested committee members share the You Tube links. Candice advised Oregon Lifestyles is currently airing on five television stations in Oregon and Washington and online. Bob suggested possibility of airing in the Bay area market also.

6. LIAISON REPORTS

- a. TV/Channel 5 previously discussed.
- b. Apple Box previously discussed
- c. City/Chamber/Port Coordination Barbara provided more information on the event tent design, details, growth options, and warranty. Committee would like to invite Ted Fitzgerald to next meeting to discuss.
 - **d. Events** Bob advised no new events have been proposed.
- **e. Print Media** Joe provided local Nielson ratings explaining that it provides a look at radio stations and determines how many people are listening.
- 7. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED Next meeting scheduled April 17th at 4:00pm.
- **8. ADJOURNMENT -** With no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Patterson, Chair

(approved at April 47, 2014 meeting)

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