

Chugiak-Eagle River Chamber of Commerce  
Board of Directors Meeting - Agenda 10/2/2020

1. Call to Order – 8:03am  
*Present: Kelsie Sullivan, Colin Fay, Leslie Lance, Angela Laflamme, Kay Shearer, Dawn Hoxie, Scott Myers, Kauai Fitt, Emma Irish, Linda Landers, Derrick Crawford, Crystal Kennedy, Ruth Armstrong, Bobby Jefts, Debbie Rinckey and Britney Olsen.*
2. *Those not Present: Tia Hunsuck, Jennifer Castro, Tracey Hupe, Jamie Allard, Julie Sliker, Tanja Gamble, Stephanie Hays, Suzanne McCarthy, Michael Melielo, Tom Roth,*
3. Introduce Guests - None
4. Minutes – None to approve. *We will need to vote on these at either the retreat or November Board Meeting.*
5. Executive Committee minutes - No meeting / Community Call-In – *Kelsie - Instead of the regular Executive Committee Meeting a Zoom Community Open House was held with a couple people joining in. Went well for the first time, a lot of benefit in these. We may have more in the future, opportunity for the members and the community to come chat with us one-on-one, ask questions, address concerns.*
6. Finance Status – *Deb – Look to the second page, pretty grim, however we received the Grant Agreement from the MOA last night and should be receiving a Grant for 1000,000.00. It wasn't an easy task and we want to thank Crystal Kennedy and Jaime Allard our two Assembly Members along with Christopher Constant who helped push it through as well. We had lots of people supporting us and stating positive things about our Chamber, Christopher Schutte helped us keep an eye on things, helped with with Bear Paw and the Health of our Community. Thank you to all that helped support us, this should help us get through the rest of the year.*
7. Chamber Updates
  - a. Office closures - Until further notice – *Deb-The office is still closed because the MOA half of the building is closed. If you need to come in, just let us know and remember to wear a mask. It will probably be closed through the end of the year.*
  - b. Elections - Please vote – *Deb-They are open right now to the members. If you have not voted, please do!*
    - i. Executive Committee Elections – *Expectations for each position – Kelsie sent an email on September 7th with the expectations for each seat on the Executive Committee positions. The hope is that you have an opportunity to look at those, we elect them at the Board Retreat. They are all one-year terms, with the exception of the President. This year is the President -ElectBoard Members can nominate themselves or be nominated by others. Please reach out to the Nomination Committee if you are interested, Dawn Hoxie, Stephanie Hays or Colin Fay or anyone. We want YOU and we Need YOU on the Executive Committee, please reach out and let us know!*
  - c. Effective Chamber Ambassador – *Represent the Chamber as Board Members, we are Ambassadors for the Chamber. We need to make an effort to let our community and members know what we are doing.*
  - d. Masks – *The Chamber has quite a bit of masks that we can help provide to the community, let Debbie know.*
  - e. Dinner - Gilligan's Island
    - i. Need tables (Islands) – *Deb - We need people to sign up, Swag bags, gift cards for local restaurants, have each Board Member participate (at a monetary level also), special surprises for two tables, we need Auction items. Britney – Online Auction goes Live today! Spread the word, go look and bid, things are added daily, it will stay open through the end of the dinner. It is not too late to get your tables, hoping to get them in by Tuesday, we are delivering Swag Bags to tables and individual seats on Thursday and Friday. No Dessert Auction this year.*
    - ii. \$200 ask – *Kelsie - Asking BOD to give cash donation, buy stuff from our members for auction or just spend money with business members.*
    - iii. Auction items – *Still need more, posting them daily, so bring them in!*
8. Board Member Reports
  - AEDC Emma Irish – *In the thick of getting budget and strategic planning for 2021.*
  - ASD Liaison Dr. Bishop/Deena Mitchel/Tom Roth – *Bobby Jefts – It's a whirlwind, not sure when we are going back to school, doing remote learning indefinitely. It is fluctuating daily. Big concern at Gruening is enrollment is down, generally at 600 and we are at 450 now. On a positive note, the remodel is going extremely well. In classrooms every day and assure people*

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*our teachers are dedicated and doing a great job, students are adjusting doing great too. Handling a unique situation. Very Proud of them all!*

- Assembly Crystal Kennedy / Jamie Allard – Crystal *–In the last three months the Assembly has had three meetings that have not been completed in the single night and they have had to return to continue the Assembly meeting on the another night. **Big topics, CARES Act/COVID Relief funding**, defining that although the ‘checks’ come from the MOA, they are all Federal funds, released to the State and then the MOA into different buckets (appropriate ways they have allocated it) up to @140 million allocated. It has been so frustrating how long it actually takes to get money into people’s hands, starting from the application process, having funds, awarding it, to issuing checks, etc. is terribly slow. Most money has been allocated, however, getting it out to businesses and renters/mortgage relief is slow, please be patient they are working on it. Another 10 million coming down the pike, not officially approved yet, working on getting the correct mechanisms that are really effective to get the money out to people. -**The AO202085** – Building Code Revision, huge bill with many code updates in it, quite a few that are contentious and problematic. The biggest issues for our area is the requirement of sprinkler systems in new homes and additions. It has been postponed until October 27th to allow for more conversation. Chugiak/Eagle River are quite concerned with it because what it does is anyone living outside of 600 feet of fire hydrant or major water source (water tank on property), from the Eagle River Valley and North of Fred Meyers, on 2400 sq ft home is anywhere from \$25,000 to \$30,000 cost, possibly shutting people out of buying a home, qualifying, mortgage/real estate sales, far trickling down effect. -**Tax Revision Ordinance** – MOA is trying to do some things to help soften the blow of COVID, revenue neutral types of activities, shifting the tax, such as taking tax off one group and putting it on to the other (Aircraft owners to businesses using aircrafts, Mobile home owners to all property owners, personal property inventory tax exemption bump from \$20,000-\$50,000 and shifts to property owners). **October is work sessions and budget.** New alcohol tax MOAs first draft to come shortly, public safety and domestic violence prevention goals, trying to stay true to what was put on the ballot. -**Traffic safety study.** Please be aware, if you are on a street where people have concerns about a traffic control problem in their neighborhood (speeding, unsafe traffic pattern, etc.) contact Crystal to help you navigate how you can get on the study. **Offices in Eagle River** - Jaime and I will have a couple of assembly member offices out here, in the town center. Don’t know when, but the building is not open, so not sure how that will impact us. **Please contact me** – Crystal encourages people to contact her if they need any assistance, have MOA issues, questions or concerns. Further discussion on why the building codes were brought forward and information from Colin on residential sprinkler systems. Very informational.*
- Eklutna Tanya Gamble – Not present.
- Foundation Debbie Rinckey – Linda not meeting right now. Deb says they are working to meet soon.
- Legislative Report No one present.
- JBER Derrick Crawford / Ryan Goss – Derrick – Base named the one of the Top Installations in the Airforce by the DOD. They are doing the good things and the services they provide are recognized. Strategic enforcement is growing and is positive in the DOD. New Initiative – Community Connections, partner units with communities to have a grass roots connection with the community (2-way). Unit 425 representative (our area) hopefully will be attending next meeting. In November – Secret. Of Army and Army Vice Chief of Staff and Senator Dan Sullivan visiting.
- Public Safety Det. Haverty APD & Eric Lawson, AFD – Not present.  
*Debbie will reach out to representatives.*

9. **Around the Room- Choose Committee** All Members

*Linda – Caleb Baker from Chef’s Stop will be doing a Steak Dinner that night if anyone is interested in ordering \$30 New York Steak, salad vegies and a potato. Britney asks Linda, as an Ambassador to check in with him about becoming a member and she reports that she already has and that he brought it up.*

*Deb – On Strategic Planning - Looking into the future. Our Chamber has historically been event focused and we were unable to hold our biggest event this year. The time has come where we need to start thinking of funding ideas where we are not all in huge giant groups. If you have any ideas please contact Deb, text, call, email. We want to represent*

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*our community, advocate for our small businesses and continue on. If you are interested in being on the Strategic Planning Committee, please let Deb know.*

**Kelsie** – Check out the two educational zooms regarding vote on 2. Zoom links are now available for the taped Luncheon Presentations on the CERCC Website. Lots of great information! UAA – Online Only.

**Angela** – Mustang Hockey Association, Youth-14 are doing door wreath sales. Also association partnered with Wreaths Across America – You can sponsored a wreath to go on JBER cemetery of fallen soldiers. Contact her If you are interested. Need to start working on MMM as she is chairing the Committee.

**Colin** – Starting Masters Program – Engineering Management from Oregon State!

**Leslie** – AK Regional Hospital opened up visitation to patients.

10. Adjourn –8:59 AM

**11. Upcoming Dates**

October 2	8am	BOD Meeting	Virtual
October 7	12noon	Lunch Forum - AK Rehab	Virtual
October 9	6p-10p	Annual Dinner	Virtual
October 21	12noon	Lunch Forum - ASD	Virtual
October 24	10a-1p	Board Retreat	Virtual
November 4	12noon	Lunch Forum	TBD
November 18	12noon	Lunch Forum	TBD
November 19	530p	Executive Committee	TBD
November 20	8am	BOD Meeting	TBD
November 26-27		Thanksgiving Holiday (closed)	
December 2	12noon	Lunch Forum	TBD
December 4/5		Merry Merchant Munch	TBD
December 4		Winter Wonderland	TBD
December 16	12noon	Lunch Forum	TBD
December 17		Holiday Open House	TBD
December 23-Jan1		Holiday Break (closed)	

**Financials**

<b>Chugiak-Eagle River Chamber of Commerce Finance Status as of 9/30/2020</b>				
<b>Comparison by Month</b>	<b>6-23-2020</b>	<b>7-29-2020</b>	<b>8-26-2020</b>	<b>9-30-2020</b>
Key Bank – Annuity	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
MVFCU – Savings	\$1,350.69	\$ 1,350.69	\$ 1,350.69	\$ 1,350.69
MVFCU – Checking	\$453.26	\$ 453.26	\$ 453.26	\$ 453.26
WF- Festival - 4165	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0

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WF- General - 5799	\$2,801.86	\$ 1,289.25	\$ 5,437.38	\$ 1,954.56
WF – Savings	\$ 54.18	\$ 54.18	\$ 48.19	\$ 42.19
1 <sup>st</sup> National Bank – Gaming	\$7,613.70	\$ 4,352.15	\$ 4,346.60	\$ 1,345.60
1 <sup>st</sup> National Bank – CD	\$16,181.36	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
1 <sup>st</sup> National Bank – Checking	\$20,060.21	\$23,323.68	\$23,214.64	\$1,115.36
<b>Current Funds Available</b>	<b>\$48,545.85</b>	<b>\$30,823.22</b>	<b>\$34,850.76</b>	<b>\$6,261.66</b>

**Note: Difference from August - September 29, 2020  
2 months expense (20,000) and Golf payment (11,000)**

<b>Chugiak-Eagle River Chamber of Commerce Finance Status as of 9-25-19</b>				
<b>Comparison by Month</b>	<b>6-27-19</b>	<b>7-23-19</b>	<b>8-28-19</b>	<b>9-25-19</b>
Key Bank – Annuity	\$18,704.69	\$18,704.69	\$18,704.69	\$18,704.69
MVFCU – Savings	1,350.69	\$ 1,350.69	\$ 1,350.69	\$ 1,350.69
MVFCU – Checking	453.26	\$ 453.26	\$ 453.26	\$ 453.26
WF- Festival - 4165	124.41	\$ 110.41	\$ 96.41	\$ 82.41
WF- General - 5799	5,411.57	\$ 5,659.65	\$ 6,960.87	\$ 7,240.72
WF – Savings	1,053.91	\$ 1,053.91	\$ 1,053.96	\$ 1,053.99
1 <sup>st</sup> National Bank – Gaming	3,365.80	\$ 3,365.80	\$ 7,613.70	\$ 7,613.70
1 <sup>st</sup> National Bank – CD	16,165.06	16,165.06	\$16,173.21	\$16,173.21
1 <sup>st</sup> National Bank – Checking	32,158.67	44,515.67	\$91,074.77	\$45,839.79
<b>Current Funds Available</b>	<b>78,788.06</b>	<b>91,378.09</b>	<b>\$143,481.56</b>	<b>\$98,512.46</b>