

Chugiak-Eagle River Chamber of Commerce  
Board of Directors Meeting - Minutes 5/29/2020

1. Call to Order – 8:02am  
**Present:** *Kelsie Sullivan, Colin Fay, Leslie Lance, Angela Laflamme, Tracey Hupe, Kay Shearer, Jennifer Castro, Ruth Armstrong, Stephanie Hays, Dawn Hoxie, Scott Myers, Kauai Fitt, Suzanne McCarthy, Derrick Crawford, Tom Roth, Emma Irish, Linda Landers, Debbie Rinckey and Britney Olsen*
2. Introduce Guests: *Dena Mitchell, ASD School Board Liaison for Eagle River/Chugiak area.*
3. Minutes - 2-29-2020 / 4-24-2020 Motion to accept both minutes made by Colin Fay, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dawn Hoxie, motion passes
4. Finance Status – *Deb reports - We are doing okay, however, due to cancelations, we don't have our general flow of money coming in from the Golf Tournament and Annual Tea. At this time 501 C (6) Non-Profit Chambers are not eligible for any of the grants. A huge effort and advocacy to get them to open up for 5C6's is being made. We will be closing the promotion for Alex Park on June 1<sup>st</sup> – received about \$2000.00 at this point. Park is being cleaned up at mowed, doing flowers on Monday at 0930 if anyone wants to come down. Garden club will be there to help also- All flowers were donated by the MOA, still in phase 3.*
5. Old Business
  - a) Bylaws - *Please vote. Member vote for ratification ends June 10th, requires 50% of votes to pass*
6. Chamber Updates
  - a. Office closures - *Until further notice – MOA is going to stay closed until the library opens so maybe early next week.*
  - b. Excellence in Education update - *returning \$\$\$ Refunding people's money for the event.*
  - c. Golf Update - *August 21 rescheduled, ramping up our asks, should be fun!*
  - d. COVID - 19
    - i. Lunch Forums - *Next one is June 3<sup>rd</sup> virtually*
    - ii. Pubs & Politics went well. *Participants felt it went well and guest speakers like staying in touch.*
  - e. Bear Paw – *Colin Fay Committee Chair – Colin modeling Bear Paw mask and several of us want one. We still need state and municipal approval as we move forward, permits, guidance. Division of Public Health excited about safety and maybe having a booth. Reaching out and they are excited. Letting people know what is cancelled slowly so we keep hope, no parade, no teddy bear picnic, no 5K. Looking into Beer Garden signage, your bubble and secondary bubble. Carnival is working on touchless ticketing rides, cleaning. Saturday market getting up to speed. **Not public information at this time**, we are not able to use the Hickel Parking Lot for the event. Vendor Court will be on the street. We will have a 'Hard Closure' starting Thursday night. No capitol expenses out for merchandise, will offer presale orders only at this time. Received strong feedback from every side...not a lot of middle ground. Slippery Salmon hand sanitizer and TP, Best Mask Competition. Unlike some festivals that have had to cancel already, Bear Paw is in the unique position of not having to put out a lot of capitol/operation expenses and therefore can move forward still.*
7. Board Member Reports

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AEDC</li><li>• ASD Liaison</li><li>• Assembly</li><li>• Eklutna</li><li>• Foundation</li><li>• Legislative Report</li><li>• JBER</li><li>• Public Safety</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Emma Irish</li><li>Dr. Bishop/Elisa Snelling/Tom Roth</li><li>Crystal Kennedy / Fred Dyson</li><li>Tanya Gamble</li><li>Debbie Rinckey</li><li>In Juneau</li><li>Derrick Crawford / Ryan Goss</li><li>Det. Haverty APD &amp; Eric Lawson, AFD</li></ul>
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8. **Around the Room- Choose Committee**                      All Members

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**Board Member Reports/Around the Room/Bear Paw –**

*Angela – For safely, responsibly having Bear Paw. Report CERP doing Live for Lunch every other week opposite Chamber Luncheon. Cornhole tournament coming together, looking at having separate events in addition to Bear Paw.*

*Britney – For Bear Paw – Festival outside, working with State and Muni important, every other festival in the state has been cancelled so we are in the limelight.*

*Colin – Hesitant on Bear Paw – On board because we can do it the right way. PDC is merging with RESPECT, expanding services & geographic location.*

*Linda – For Bear Paw, Chugiak Football Golf Tournament June 12<sup>th</sup>, Palmer.*

*Dawn – For Bear Paw, community needs it and we can do it safely. Northrim Bank still processing PPA Funds, need more applicants.*

*Deb – For Bear Paw – Getting a lot of input, it can be tiring to hear it all. It may get a little rough and they (Deb/Brit) will need support through this, a buffer.*

*Dena Mitchell – Realities of our times, support the virtual school graduation, looking forward to getting involved with Tom and Elisa. Question as to support for mental health/training for parents teaching from home, ASD addressing concerns and challenges people face.*

*Tom – Support effort as Eagle River Resident and appreciate Colin's very deliberate planning. Elisa Mcalias – Board President, Eagle River Elementary Approved, contract awarded to Waterson Construction for next year. Gruening – Award contract next month, hopefully. Off for summer school, planning for next fall. School district looking at several plans for reopening, low/high risk options. Dr. Bishop intent on getting online curriculum for online opportunities. Planning team, complex, creating community advisory team. First day of school August 18<sup>th</sup> as scheduled. Sports – ASSA due to lift restrictions June 1<sup>st</sup>, district open for exterior activities with precautions, end of June due to reevaluate letting youth back into buildings. Again, planning for low/high models, individual vs team sports. Opening school Low Risk Model, back to school spring break – High Risk – Distance Ed.*

*Emma – For Bear Paw, supports masks, safety of others, do it in a safe way, not scary. AECD State press release, small business loans, Credit Union One out on June 1<sup>st</sup>, state funding if you haven't received federal money. We lost 19,900 jobs in the month of April, unemployment moved from 4.5 to 14% - Hospitality, tourism industries hit hardest.*

*Jennifer – For Bear Paw with safe social distancing events, park picnic, business bingo, modify how we do it. Do we have a drop dead date? Lead time, mid-June? MEA – Lobby reopened, work with underground cable replacement in Eagle River Heights Sub. A board member resigned, at large seat open, applicant during month of June, Seat through 2023.*

*Tracey – Boys & Girls Club - Opening on June 8<sup>th</sup>, five ALPAR teens cleaning up trash and recyclables throughout the community this summer.*

*Kauai – 100% Pro Bear Paw – everyone's own risk, socially responsible, your choice. \*Baby doing great he slept five hours last night!*

*Ruth – Community Optics, Supports our Chamber, Pro Bear Paw -responsibly, on the fence about some events and drinking responsibly, \$ Refunds/Deposits?*

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*Derrick – Chalk Circles, Safe Event. Airshow cancelled, three days later – now let’s change it, no longer cancelled. One Day Virtual Event. Operation Artic Thunder Reboot - bring in people, closed to the public, Airborne Ops. Contracting for production company, broadcast local tv, July 11<sup>th</sup>, rehearsal on the 10<sup>th</sup>, Back-up July 12<sup>th</sup>. Air Parade to salute the city, back-up plan.*

*Kelsey – We are the only festival going on, others have to front larger amounts of money they would lose. We are working with regulations, there is a risk of bad optics. UAA – Summer classes online, Fall classes online if they can, not back at work on the campus yet.*

*Leslie – Move forward with Bear Paw, could be great. What if we do really great?!*

*Scott – Support Bear Paw – positive will outweigh the optic issues. Parade of Homes COVID protocols - #'s are down- barely anything on the market, interest rates are good, 2.75%*

*Kay – Refinance on homes, rates really good*

*Steph – Supports Bear Paw*

*Suzanne - Bear Paw, everyone wants it to happen and be a good success YOGO – You own it training school, construction apprenticeships. We had to make decisions – safety plan, intake of new people, happening.*

9. Adjourn – 9:22am

**10. Upcoming Dates**

June 3	Lunch Forum	Virtual	Community Updates
June 17	Lunch Forum	Virtual	MTA
June 26	BOD meeting 8a	TBD	

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Financials

<b>Chugiak-Eagle River Chamber of Commerce Finance Status as of 5-28-2020</b>				
<b>Comparison by Month</b>	<b>11-19-19</b>	<b>1-30-2020</b>	<b>4-23-2020</b>	<b>5-28-2020</b>
Key Bank – Annuity	\$18,704.69	\$18,704.69	\$18,704.69	\$19,917.96
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	54.41	\$ 26.41	\$ 26.41	\$ 0.0
WF- General - 5799	4,716.08	\$ 5,030.76	\$ 307.65	\$ 1,965.87
WF – Savings	1,054.01	\$ 1,054.01	\$ 1,054.01	\$ 1,054.01
1 <sup>st</sup> National Bank – Gaming	7,613.70	\$ 7,613.70	\$ 7,613.70	\$ 7,613.70
1 <sup>st</sup> National Bank – CD	16,173.21	16,181.36	\$16,181.36	\$11,484.59
1 <sup>st</sup> National Bank – Checking	46,981.29	32,422.68	\$17,318.07	\$17,318.07
<b>Current Funds Available</b>	<b>97,109.52</b>	<b>82,837.59</b>	<b>63,014.02</b>	<b>\$61,158.15</b>

<b>Chugiak-Eagle River Chamber of Commerce Finance Status as of 4-24-19</b>				
<b>Comparison by Month</b>			<b>4-24-19</b>	<b>5-28-19</b>
Key Bank – Annuity			\$18,704.69	\$18,704.69
MVFCU – Savings			\$ 1,350.69	\$ 1,350.69
MVFCU – Checking			\$ 453.26	\$ 453.26
WF- Festival - 4165			\$ 152.41	\$ 138.41
WF- General - 5799			\$ 2,685.07	\$ 4,158.33
WF – Savings			\$ 1,053.85	\$ 1,053.88
1 <sup>st</sup> National Bank – Gaming			\$ 3,368.95	\$ 3,366.85
1 <sup>st</sup> National Bank – CD			\$16,157.18	\$16,165.06
1 <sup>st</sup> National Bank – Checking			\$26,910.00	\$31,682.08
<b>Current Funds Available</b>			<b>\$70,836.10</b>	<b>\$77,073.25</b>

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Committee	Chair	#1	#2	#3	#4
Bear Paw	Colin Fay	Michael Melielo	Angela Laflamme	Leslie Lance	Ruth Armstrong
Education / Excellence in ED			Stephanie Hays		
Tea		Stephanie Hays			Tracy Hupe
Golf	Ruth Armstrong	Linda Landers	Julie Sliker		
Annual Dinner		Kay Shearer	Kauai Fitt		Emma Irish
MMM / Winter Wonderland	Angela Laflamme	Mellany Quaid			
Strategic Planning	Leslie Lance	Angela Laflamme	Ruth Armstrong		Michael Melielo
Ambassador	Dawn Hoxie	Angela	Stephanie	Leslie	Linda Landers Tracey Hupe
Legislative			Ruth Armstrong		
Member Benefits		Jennifer Castro	Mellany Quaid		
Volunteer	Ambassador				
Chief Alex	YPG?	Tanya Gamble			Tracy Hupe
AMATS	Debbie Rinckey				
Historical Society	Linda Landers		Ruth Armstrong		
Cemetery	Merry Braham	Julie Sliker			
Beautification	Kay Shearer	Ruth Armstrong			