



Meeting Minutes Transient Room Tax Committee

Tuesday, March 24, 2015

12:01 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Also in Attendance: Cindi Lagoudakis (Chamber of Commerce), Mark Kubo (Petersburg Arts Council)

Present 4 - Board Member Susan Erickson, Board Member Dave Berg, Board Member Ron Loesch, and Board Member Patty Norheim

Absent 1 - Board Member Gloria Ohmer

2. Approval of the Minutes

A. January 16, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [January 16, 2014 Transient Room Tax Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

The Minutes were approved as written.

3. Amendment & Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

4. Visitors Views Related to Agenda

5. Unfinished Business

A. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce - Clock Tower - \$5000.

Motion to close out grant. Approved Unanimously.

B. Petersburg Arts Council - Buschmann Park Sculpture Project - \$17,805.

Mark Kubo from the Petersburg Arts Council spoke on the project timeline and funding. As of March 24th, \$15,236 of the grant funds have been spent. This includes costs for the model, casting supplies, bronzing, and shipping. Additional funding has been retained to finish the project. Eric Larson is working on the fountain and installation of the sculpture, they are hoping to have it installed by the 4th of July. Project to remain open.

C. Chamber of Commerce / PEDC Photo Library - \$1,625.

Motion to close out grant. Approved Unanimously.

D. Rainforest Festival Harvest Calendar Grant - \$1,500.

Motion to close out grant. **Approved Unanimously.**

- E. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce - Bench Grant \$1,600.

Let the record reflect that the \$1,600 in grant funds was returned to the Borough.

Motion to close out the grant. Approved Unanimously.

- F. Chamber of Commerce Roof Project

Motion to close out Chamber roof project. Approved Unanimously.

6. **New Business**

- A. Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center Funding

The Chamber will be seeing a 24% increase in funding from the transient room tax funds due to the funding formula. This will result in \$37,679 going to the Chamber this year.

This was discussed.

- B. Recommending using the remaining \$3,800 for memberships to tourist organizations of the Chamber of Commerce's choosing.

Susan Erickson was not present for this agenda item.

Recommending using the remaining \$3,800 for the Chamber of Commerce's use. Approved Unanimously.

7. **Discussion Items**

Transient Room Tax Ordinance Revisions

Finance Director Jody Tow spoke on the proposed changes to the TRT ordinance. Modifications will include the TRT funds being moved to a special revenue fund. It is currently living in the General Fund. This will allow more transparency of the funds being dispursed. The Chamber expense will also be moved to this special revenue fund. If the Assembly adopts the changes to this ordinance it will rescind Transient Room Tax Resolution #2004, which will eliminate the Transient Room Tax Committee and the funding formula for the Chamber of Commerce.

Motion made to ammend section 4.33.060 to state that "The proceeds of this tax shall be used to provide funding for visitor-related services in the borough. Uses include, but are not limited to, payment of membership fees to tourist-related organizations, advertising, and maintenance and operation of the Chamber of Commerce."

It is noted that they want to exclude the last line stating "Any funds not required for visitor-related services may be used for promotion of the general economic development of the borough."

Approved Unanimously.

8. **Adjournment**