

Commerce City Business & Professional Association  
Board Meeting Minutes  
February 26, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:30 am.

In attendance: Rhonda Hathaway, Cristie Jophlin, Greg Fabisiak, Brooke Faux, Tom Knight, Jimmy Burds, Lisa Riggi, and Judy Tunis

Guests: Derek Watson, Kristi Douglas, and Dawn Majluf (membership committee)

**Membership Committee-Dawn/Rhonda**

President, Rhonda Hathaway, reported to the Board of Directors, the membership committee felt they had been devalued by the membership at the last business meeting regarding their recommendations. Therefore, she recommended all committees will get prior approval from the Board of Directors and present directly as a board recommendation to the membership.

This opened up further discussion by members of the membership committee and they reported their thoughts after the last business meeting:

- Due to the reception of the committee's recommendations at the last general meeting, the committee considered disbanding. They did not feel it would be worthwhile to continue without the support of the board and the majority of the membership.
- they felt thrown under the bus while presenting recommendations to move the membership committee forward
- they expressed their feeling of a lack of support from the board of directors
- they concluded the board should present the committees' recommendations in the future
- did not feel as if their contributions were valued by the membership at large
- they feel as if they are hitting a brick wall
- the good news is that lessons have been learned:
  - board can and will present recommendations to the membership
  - a protocol established to move this committee and others forward (bring to the board so an official action can be presented to the membership regarding potential changes to the organization)

After discussion with the board this morning, the committee felt more confident that they had the support of the board. They agreed to continue meeting and planning their membership drive project.

The membership committee is currently revising a packet to send out to individuals to secure new members to the organization. It will include e.mail addresses, benefits, and history of the Commerce City Business and Professional Association.

The group will be putting together a membership drive, tentatively scheduled in May.

Other members of the board, Cristie Jophlin and Lisa Riggi, asked to be informed about next membership meeting. Dawn agreed to send out an e.mail sharing information regarding the next scheduled meeting.

### **Treasurer's Report by Brooke Faux**

Brooke gave a presentation on last year's overall spending and budget, see attached sheets. Here is the comparison of proposed and actual (to the best of our ability):

She also gave a detailed January and February expenditure report, which will be handed out to the membership meeting at meetings, also attached.

In 2007 we collected dues through the end of the 2008 leaving the organization with very few memberships 9income) coming in in 2008. Therefore the board approved a budget, with limited spending in 2008 – see attached.

### **Minutes**

Board members reviewed the minutes (January 3<sup>rd</sup>, January 29<sup>th</sup> and February 7<sup>th</sup>).

Motion to accept minutes by Brooke Faux

Seconded by Lisa Riggi

7 ayes and one nay (Rhonda Hathaway)

Motion carried.

Minutes will be placed on our website after being voted on.

### **BBQ Competition**

Steve Mars has really shown leadership on planning and organizing this event. BBQ meetings are scheduled every Wednesday morning at Werth Manor at 7:30 am. All are invited to attend. Rhonda will be meeting with the City of Commerce City regarding permitting, traffic control, etc. on Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime, Cristie Jophlin is creating a template for review of the committee regarding sponsorship opportunities. We do not want to each approach the same people, therefore, list of folks already approaching individuals is as follows:

<u>Who:</u>	<u>Company:</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Received</u>
Steve Mars	Adolfson & Peterson Construction	\$15K	
Rhonda Hathaway	Shamrock Foods	\$10-15K	
	Suncor Energy		
Kristi Douglas	UPS		
	Rainbow Foods		
	Sara Lee		

### **Golf Tournament**

Tom Knight stated there was to be a golf meeting tomorrow, February 27<sup>th</sup>, at Stout Street to discuss the September golf tournament. Invitations had been sent and other board members were invited to attend. Updates will be given at future board and business meetings.

### **Other comments/questions**

#### **Jimmy Burds**

Jimmy asked the board to share any questions or comments with his work with Economic Development. In his opinion, one of the roles of the CCBPA is to be a conduit to City government. And together, CCBPA and Economic Development can share information. One example is through co-sponsoring very specific workshops that would benefit businesses.

- Lisa Riggi, expressed a concern for working too closely with economic development and shared her desire that Economic Development also be interested in promoting current businesses.
- Cristie Jophlin stated that a system for protocol was established by the membership committee. She asked Jimmy if as he moved forward planning these co-sponsored events he share that information to the board of directors.

#### **Cristie Jophlin**

Presented concerns she had heard from membership regarding speakers in the upcoming year. Some of the comments expressed to her were that our speakers should be driven toward needs of the business community. After discussion it was decided to discuss complementing speakers to add to the upcoming speakers at each meeting.

#### **Rhonda Hathaway**

Rhonda asked the board members if they were interested in changing the meeting venues for the board meeting. She is very concerned that membership feel she is receiving preferential treatment in hosting the meetings. By consensus, Rhonda abstained from discussion, the other 7 board members present decided to hold meetings at Gala Gardens.

### **Adjournment**

9:15 am