

April 2023 Monthly Meeting

A | 102 Main Street, Cathlamet



Minute Taker	Steve Carson (SC) <sc@clnw.com>
Attendees	Shannon Britt (SB) <[redacted]>, Andrew Weiler (AW) <[redacted]>, Todd Souvenir (TS) <[redacted]>, Dan Lorenzen (DL) <[redacted]> David Olson (DO) <[redacted]>, Sherill Bollen (SB) <[redacted]>, David Olson (DO) <david.olson@townofcathlamet.com>, Marissa Schillios (MS) <[redacted]>, Sam Shogren (SA) <[redacted]>, Bob Jungers (BJ) <[redacted]>, Steve Carson (SC) <[redacted]>, mac1dogs@gmail.com (ma)
Others	[redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

	Type	Note	Owner	Due
1. Call to Order	INFO	The meeting was called to order by Shannon at 10:10 am		
2. Approval of Minutes	INFO	Approved by the members present		
3. Treasurer's Report	INFO	Moved and approved to table the report until next month		
4. Fair Board Request	DECISION	Requesting \$1,000 for each event to support radio advertisements to encourage people to attend the fair, car show, and events supporting Bald Eagle Days. The fair is August 17-19, 2023. New this year the fair will be adding a variety of fun contests for people to participate in including a rubber chicken toss, chili cookoff, and more. The board approved the request.		
5. Creative Arts Dist	INFO	Dan Westlind, president of Tsuga Gallery presented information on establishing an arts district in Cathlamet. There are several state grants available that could provide up to \$60,000 to promote art-related businesses and ancillary businesses. The challenge currently is finding the leadership to apply for the grant and administer the program. Support from various members was expressed for the proposal.		
6. JBH Funding	DECISION	David Olson shared that the opportunity to return the building to public ownership and reclaim access to the historical heritage of this location is critical at this time. The possible funding source from the federal government has been rejected. The next step is to get it onto the national register of historic places. There's a need for up to \$5,000 to write the proposal for the registry. It was approved that the Chamber would partner with the Town to cover the cost of the writing of the proposal.		
7. Ribbon Cutting	INFO	Ribbon Cutting at Puget Island Gardens on April 22nd at noon		
8. Sign up Genius	INFO	Shannon suggested using this web application for volunteer recruitment		
9. Visitor's Center	INFO	Summer staffing for Saturday has been a challenge. The idea was floated to cover Saturdays with a combination of volunteers and employees. Andrew suggested that someone could be hired just for Saturdays for the summer.		
10. BED Committee	DECISION	A committee formation meeting is going to be held on April 20th at 8 am at the Chamber Office.		

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11. BED Vendor Fees	INFO	There was a discussion regarding the rates and locations of vendor booths. Decisions will be made by staff and the BED committee soon.		
12. BED Parade Route	INFO	The 2023 Parade route will include a trip around the Marina.		
13. Chamber Director	INFO	There are ads in the local paper and in Cowlitz County advertising the position available. Suggestions were made to promote the ad online using Craigslist and/or Indeed, and contact the Washington Tourism Council.		
14. Sam Shogren	INFO	Kite festival advertisements were requested.		
15. Adjournment	INFO	Meeting adjourned at 11:32 am		