

New Carlisle Business and Community Association Minutes

July 10, 2024

@ Manny's Restaurant

8 AM

Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 8:00 am by President Craig Langhofer.

Attendees: Mindie Colanese (1st Source Bank), Joyce Forbes (Community Member), Craig Langhofer (Edward Jones), Roanna Hooton (New Carlisle Public Library), Kim Vaundry (Hometown Days), Andrew Dobkins (Tara Ashlee Photo and Design), Suzanne Nowicki (Looking Glass Travel), Jacqueline Widelski (New Carlisle United Methodist Church), Alex King (HGR Group, General Contracting), Rosie Michiaels (Coldwell Banker, 1st Choice), Peg Adams (Community Member), Bob Humbarger (Roofwise), Liz West (Hamilton Grove), Michelle Genslinger (Hamilton Grove), and Jen Miller (Provision Construction and Design).

Minutes from June, 2024 - Motion by Mindie Colanese, second by Jen Miller, to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report – Mindie Colanese

June, 2024 ending balance was \$1033.31. Motion by Peg Adams, second by Sue Nowicki, to approve and place on file. Motion carried.

Update on Facebook Page – Joyce Forbes explained that Andrew Dobkins has taken charge of the Facebook page. Andrew explained he has set events to auto publicize, and is reposting events such as the Beer and Wine Walk, Library events, and membership information.

Town Update - Marcie was not present, but the Town is scheduled to host the August meeting on August 7. The time to be announced.

Hometown Days – Kim Vaundry

Kim Vaundry reported that final plans were being made for the July 26-28 annual event. A family wedding in California will prevent Kim and Doug from doing their normal duties during the event, but she will be thinking about us.

Discover New Carlisle – Jen Miller

Jen reported the Memorial Day 5K run was a huge success raising \$4000 for Discover. The Timing company will be partnering with Discover resulting in many more runners anticipated for the upcoming year.

The next event is the Beer and Wine Walk – August 24. Tickets are now on sale. There will be additional stops at Wainscott Event Center and Hudson Lake Tavern. Both the American Legion and Billy Goat Nine and Dine will have live entertainment.

Christmas in New Carlisle is in the planning stages currently and the Old Republic will be open with Santa and live reindeer this year.

Hamilton Grove - Liz West and Michelle Genslinger announced the opening of Independent Living Apartments being renovated and outfitted on the campus at Hamilton Grove. The Open House is scheduled for August 1. Units will rent for \$900-\$1300 per month (incl. utilities) and they are working out details for optional Food service for residents.

Library – Roanna reported the Library was very busy this summer. She is also looking to hire an Assistant Program person. The position is posted.

Tax Status - Joyce and Mindie reported that our status with IRS was officially revoked as of 2010 for failure to file tax informational returns for three consecutive years. Joyce talked with a representative of IRS regarding our options. Since we are a Business Association, we should be filing at a 501 (c)(6) entity. We would need to submit initial paperwork to be reinstated (our EIN number is not revoked) with the fee of \$600. The application form is only available to us once we pay the fee. After they accept our application, which could take months to approve, we would be required to file a 990-N annually to maintain our tax exempt status. There was a motion by Jen Miller, second by Peg Adams, to approve the expenditure of funds to apply for tax exempt status. Motion carried.

Other Items of Interest - The Dinosaur Museum/So Bend Chocolate Company opening is July 12 at 10 AM. There is a soft opening July 10.

There was discussion regarding Solar Farm ordinance in St. Joseph County. Currently there is a moratorium.

Next Meeting - August 7, Town Hall, time to be determined.

Adjourn – There being no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Forbes