

# Saguache Chamber of Commerce Meeting

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*Tuesday August 10, 2010 6:30pm Location – Ute Theater Lobby*

## Board Members Present:

Chris Gydesen

Barry Van Sant

Darryl Reinsel

## Members Present:

Carita Ginn

Byron Williams

Ellen Cox

Caroline Irwin

Loraine Williams

Kim Smoyer

Greg Terrell

August 10, 2010

- a. Call to Order (Chris Gydesen)
- b. Determination of Quorum (10% of membership) **Yes**
- c. Additions / Deletions of the Agenda (Darryl Reinsel, Secretary) **None**
  - a. Barry Van Sant, Vice President, gave us an update on industrial solar applications.
    - i. Talked about the different Solar Distribution Systems.
    - ii. Update on industrial solar applications. Distributed Solar vs Industrial Solar
      1. Industrial Solar Power Plants
        - a. Photo Voltaic (PV) or Concentrated Solar Power (CSP)
        - b. Tessera is CSP
      2. Barry encourage the Chamber to take a stand (weigh in) on the Tessera Solar Project
- d. Darryl Reinsel, Secretary/Treasurer
  - a. Update on Chamber business status
    1. Chamber has an EIN, P.O. Box, and Checking Account
    2. Still working on Articles of Incorporation

- ii. Kim Smoyer shared about alternative Local Solar Energy Efforts
      - 1. SAGE- Saguache Alliance for Alternative Energy Committee
        - a. Wrote Saguache Action Energy Plan
          - i. Decrease usage of Energy
      - 2. Solar Garden- Distributed Power
- e. Kim Smoyer gave us an update on the 4th Street Downtown Revitalization Project Progress.
  - a. Engineering firm has been working since December 2009 (Bob Williams)
  - b. 1.2 Million Dollar Project Cost Estimate
  - c. In process of getting grants.
  - d. Applied for a Dola Grant for \$900,000 August 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - e. Town and Committed \$120,000
  - f. Bob Gydesen-- in kind work of the system.
  - g. Saguache County --in kind work on the system and a \$10,000 grant.
  - h. Possible start in Spring of 2011
- f. Visitor Center
  - a. Talking with various owners of different locations
    - i. Create a Scenic Byway
  - b. Friends of the Library have a grant to help paint downtown.
- g. Updated Financial Report, Darryl Reinsel, Secretary/Treasurer
  - a. Approximately \$1200 in Checking Account
  - b. Working on Updating Maps
  - c. Working towards 501(c)6
- h. Barry suggested we do a Retroactive Membership Drive for 2010.
  - a. \$25 Membership fee per Business Member
    - i. Carita suggest yearly Certificates for members.
    - ii. Caroline suggested using "101 Things to do in the SLV."
      - 1. ½ page ad for \$400--- 15,000 copies is .15 per copy
    - iii. Advertising Dollars Available
      - 1. Tourism Council
        - a. Last Friday March and July Deadlines. 4<sup>th</sup> .
    - iv. Byron made a motion that we Collect Dues on our October Meeting retroactive to January 2010. Seconded by Chris. Approved by the rest of the members present. The \$25 membership fee would be due by our October 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Next meeting will be at the Diner on October 12<sup>th</sup> and 6:30pm

**Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.**

**Minutes submitted by Darryl Reinsel**

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**July 16, 2010**

***Secretary / Treasurer Saguache Chamber of Commerce***