

Chamber of Commerce September Board Meeting

September 4, 2020 by phone

Present: Jim Brickley, vice-president; Sharon Holt; Tracy O'Connell, secretary. Absent: Nick Angeloff, Susan Pryor, Gabriel Smith.

Because there wasn't a quorum, official business wasn't conducted but discussion took place on several projects including the placement of additional flags in Scotia, suggested placement of the kiosks produced for the arts district by the fire fighting camp in Weott, the upgrade of several homes on Wildwood Ave., and acquisition of grant funds to enable a mural to be produced.

Jim said there were two sides to each of the four display kiosks which needed to be stained and to have Plexiglas to protect the items displayed. It was suggested the glare-proof Plexiglas would be a good investment to be able to see/read what is inside as well as ensuring it is the type that protects the contents against fading in the sunlight. Placing the Rio Dell kiosks in locations such as Triangle Park and/or Memorial Park with photos and information about the city's history was discussed and the idea that The Old Photo Guy might provide historic photos to accompany the message.

Having a Christmas celebration that would work with the probable Covid restrictions was discussed, with ideas including

- a parade of fire trucks, possibly other vehicles, and Santa, handing out candy canes (as the fire department does every year on Christmas Eve with one truck and its own people) and
- videotaping the lighting of the Christmas tree and running it on public access with music from a Scotia Band CD and interspersing with greetings from business, school, city and county leaders who would tape and submit their blurbs.

Sharon was going to contact a member of Scotia Band who produces videos, and Tracy will contact Sharon Wolfe who tapes the city council meetings for public access to see about the latter idea as well as the fire department about the parade idea.

Sharon suggested there be a way to pay membership on the chamber website and would look into what is involved.

The phone call ended at 12:50 p.m.