



*Albert Lea-Freeborn County Chamber of Commerce*  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
Wednesday, June 23, 2021 – 7:30 a.m. Zoom Meeting

Present: Beau Hartman, Allen Hendriks, Bobbie Jacobs, Angie Eggum, Ryan Langemeier, Mike Chandler, Mike Funk, Jeff Woodside, Heather Lee, Shari Jensen and Elaine Wallace

Absent:, George Gonzalez, Rita Moyer, Kevin Miland

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**Welcome:**

- Beau Hartman called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

**Reports:**

**City of Albert Lea (Ian Rigg, City Manager):**

- Working on 2022 Budget
- Changing the Assistant Managers Position job description.

**Freeborn County (Tom Jensen):**

- Working on 2022 Budget
- Hayward Solar Project – working on permits/Environmental Services.

**CVB (Holly Karsjens):**

- Updated on events happening: Farmers Market, Thursdays on Fountain, Relay for Life, Flare for the 4<sup>th</sup>, unveiling of the Marion Ross statute, Car Show downtown on the 4<sup>th</sup>, Glow Ride (bike at night) on July 10, Rock-N-Roll the Lake, Crazy Daze (July 22 – 24) with music and food trucks on North Broadway, Freeborn County Fair Senior Citizen Award.

**ALEDA (Phillip Johnson):**

- Working with 3 businesses on expanding.
- Working with the City on the Marina for Fountain Lake.
- Working on a business plan for the 16 acres south of the Vortex site.

**Committee Updates:**

- Chamber Foundation: did not meet in June.
- Ag Committee: 4-H Auction on Aug. 7
- Ambassadors: Golf Outing. Ribbon Cutting was held at Mayo in Austin. We welcomed 4 new Ambassador members. Ribbon Cutting today at Freeborn Mower Electric Coop (new building).
- Business & Education Collaborative and HR: Business Ed holds training sessions for businesses and Future Forward (work with John Double). Local HR Group is a way to link and share with groups. Social Media Breakfast is held at the City Council Room with guest speakers.
- Governmental Affairs: Hwy 65 East Main (road is DOT Project and flood mitigation is City Project). Clean Cars Initiative – MN would like to delay until neighboring states take part.

- Worksite Wellness and Blue Zones: Arcadian Bank; Peterson, Kolker, Haedt & Benda Law Office and St. John's Lutheran Community are working on being designated worksites. Ellen Kehr will be retiring at the end of 2021 from her position as Organizer Leader of the Leadership Program, which will then be handed over to the City Community Enrichment Position.
- Community Resiliency: no meeting in June. May was focused on Mental Health Month.

**Consent Items:**

- May Chamber Meeting Minutes were presented. No questions or comments. Ryan Langemeier made a motion to approve the May Minutes. Seconded by Jeff Woodside. Motion carried.
- May Chamber Financial Reports were presented. No questions or comments. Mike Funk made a motion to approve the May financials. Seconded by Angie Eggum. Motion carried.

**Other/New Business:**

- Ribbon Cutting at Freeborn Mower Electric Cooperative, Wed., June 23 at 2 p.m. August 2<sup>nd</sup> will be the Open House for the public.
- Blood Drive at Northbridge Mall, Fri., June 25, noon – 6 p.m.
- Ribbon Cutting at Guaranteed Rate, Wed., June 30, 10 a.m.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Mike Funk to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jeff Woodside.