

COBB AREA COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING
Thursday July 27, 2023 at 6:30pm
In Person Only

MINUTES (Approved 8-17-2023)

CALLED TO ORDER at 6:39pm

ROLL CALL

Present: Cathy McCarthy, Darlene Warner, Mel McMurrin

Absent: Chris Nettles, Jake Strickler, Joe Schneider

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Approval of Agenda Motion by Glenneth, 2nd by Robert. All in favor. Agenda approved.

Approval of Minutes Motion by Robert, 2nd by Glenneth. All in favor. Minutes Approved.

Short Announcements

Cathy – commented regarding PegTV technical difficulties; should be back to normal in August.

Inez – AmeriCorps visited the Hub and was very impressed with it. Hours are Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from Noon to 4pm. Eliot is there until 6pm sometimes on Thursdays.

Rich C. – commented that the tools at the Hub worked so well, he purchased his own.

Glenneth – call for artists for Sculpture Jam. Interested persons contact via Fine Art Café Facebook page.

Robert Thomas (via Cathy) – the ACI will be able to intake material soon

Public and Board Comment on Non-Agenda Items (3 mins./individual)

Inez – July 4th there were gunshots and fireworks in the Meadows neighborhood, needs to stop. Has been going on for the past 3 years.

Tom S. – has been listening to scanners and commented on his notice of single-vehicle traffic collisions and solo falls with head injuries. Presented the book, “Cause Unknown.”

Mel – there was a large male mountain lion at 6am on Shenandoah in Loch Lomond

Fire Season Update - Paul Duncan

No report – Paul out of area

TREASURER'S REPORT - Chris

[Report read by Darlene. Typo discovered, clarified totals are correct]

Operating Budget Balance at June meeting: \$22,969.14

Transactions since 6/15/2023

General Fund: Received - \$53.00 (Hub meetings)

Paid - \$500 (Hub rent)

Total - \$447 from General Fund account

Blackberry Cobbler Festival:

Received - \$1,585.08 (vendor fees)

6,000.00 (sponsorships)

Paid - \$ 220.45 (Square fees)

14.00 (Payable app fees)

3,005.45 (K cups)

Total - ~~\$4,344.98~~ to Cobbler Festival account (*should be \$3,240.10 per Darlene*)

Sculpture Jam Fund:

Received - \$250 donation. Balance is \$250 (new account)

Current Account Balances

\$ 11,350.63 General Fund

13,098.87 Blackberry Cobbler Festival Fund

0 Cobb Resource Hub (no currently restricted grant money)

2,417.62 Emergency Preparedness Fund

250.00 Sculpture Jam Fund

\$27,117.12 Operating Budget Balance (7/27/2023)

\$48,082.63 Small Business Loan Fund (originally from S.F. Home Loan Bank Grant)

\$75,199.75 Net Assets (increase of \$4,147.98 to net assets since 6/15/2023)

Discussion: CAC to possibly take over lease for the Resource Hub

Rich C. would like to table item. SSCRA is pulling out. Current rent is \$500/month. Utilities are approximately \$75/month. Rent is to increase by \$40/month. Rent is anticipated to be \$615/month at its highest. Discussion about continuing current Hub location, possible alternative locations, doing a month-to-month v lease, and outreach ideas.

TABLED: Approve/Disapprove Explore Cobb Facebook Page management Proposal

Motion made by Robert, 2nd by Laura to table this item. All in favor, motion passes. Tabled until such time we receive results from Abby of previous efforts. The proposal is for a contract of \$800/month to provide online presence, analytics, reports, marketing, public relations, annual event promotion. Any additional work would be \$40/hour.

Approve/Disapprove Letter to County of Lake regarding property taxes for Little Red Schoolhouse (Attachment “A”)

Motion by Laura, 2nd by Frank. All in Favor. Letter Approved. Letter read aloud by Cathy and is attached herewith as “Attachment A.” Discussion regarding the issue.

Approve/ Disapprove Donation of Funds to Mountain Lions to aid tax payment- Laura Patrick

RESCINDED - NO ACTION TAKEN

After the previous discussion approving the Letter, the understanding is that the Lions Club has paid all properties taxes in arrears and is taking appropriate measures to address future taxes and tax status due to the Little Red Schoolhouse being utilized as a community center first and researching questions regarding historic site designation and ownership/title.

Committee Reports (3 minutes/individual)

[Secretary’s note: we no longer had a Quorum present, so no Committee Reports were presented]

- Firewise Communities- Magdalena, Cindy, Glenneth, David, Laurie
No report

- Communications Committee- Darlene
No report

- Forest Health Committee- Eliot
No report

- Economic Development Committee- Chris
No report

- Blackberry Cobbler Festival August 26 - Cathy
Next committee meeting is Thursday, August 3rd at the Loch Lomond Roadhouse, 6:30p

Next Meeting: August 17, 2023

ADJOURNMENT at 7:55pm

Respectfully submitted,
Darlene Warner, Secretary



P.O. Box 1442
Cobb, CA 95426

August 17, 2023

Dear Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Ford,

This letter is to voice the Cobb Area Council's collective support of the Cobb Mountain Lions Club who are stewards of our The Little Red Schoolhouse Community Center. The Mountain Lions were entrusted with a responsibility when they were given the deed to the building and property. It is deeded as a community center and must continue to operate as such. A small but hardworking group of people, the Mountain Lions have been maintaining and operating the historic structure as a community center as best as they can, trying to meet the Cobb Community's changing and increasing needs.

The Little Red Schoolhouse Community Center has been opened and staffed when prolonged power outages (planned and unplanned) leave our residents more vulnerable and provide resources as well as a safe place to get devices powered and exchange information. In the heat of summer and during the most frightful winter storms, they have repeatedly opened the doors when the community needs them most. This past winter's storms brought over 200 residents in need of resources to the community center. Families of multi generations were provided with snacks, warmth, and electricity to charge communication devices.

The Little Red Schoolhouse Community Center, has provided a place for this advisory commission to meet on a monthly basis. They asked for nothing in return. A member of the Mountain Lions arrives early to warm or cool the meeting room and provide access for our audio-visual/ tech team to set up for teleconferencing. They stay as late as needed after the meeting while all of the equipment is packed up again.

Celebrations of Life, Celebrations of Marriage, anniversaries, and birthdays continue to take place at the community center. For a time, it was the only hall in the area that could be rented for these kinds of events. The Little Red Schoolhouse Community Center provides a much needed place to gather and we are grateful.

Every time this community reaches out to the Mountain Lions, they answer the call to provide a center for the community to the best of their ability. Now we call upon you to help them. We ask that you explore every possibility to alleviate their property tax obligations to the county. Continue to work with their representatives with an open mind and an eye towards how to best serve the community, which is what the Mountain Lions Club have been trying to do since they were given the honor and the responsibility of this Community Center.

Sincerely,

Cathy McCarthy
Chair, Cobb Area Council

Attachment "A"

[Secretary's Note: Original letter does not have hand-written underlines in it; this attachment is a copy of Secretary's copy of letter]



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Grammatically
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