

Newport Chamber EBoard Meeting
8/2/23

1. Jason called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.
2. Jason recapped the general meeting. Discussion was held on the various community calendars that are circulating. The Chamber's calendar has seen an increase in visitors since June.
3. EDC Board position: The EDC does not have a current administrator and are not currently very operational. During the special meeting, Dave Smith represented the Chamber, which is of concern because he hasn't interacted with us in years. The EDC decided to host a re-vote upon finding out he did not have authorization; the new vote will be held tomorrow (8/3). Jason will be representing the Chamber at that meeting and will report back.
4. Innovia had a meeting with Jason and they want to set up a nonprofit networking meeting periodically hosted by the Chamber. Jason will work on getting this setup with a meal included.
5. Treasurer's Report: Kathy reported a balance of \$12,499.49. Membership fees are starting to arrive. Monthly expenses totaled \$607.61. We are waiting on a bill for the food from the General Meeting, Kathy will follow up with Owen's to get that invoice. Monthly insurance rate has increased by \$10/mo.
6. Membership Committee: Jason would like a list of renewals and new members, ideally each meeting.
7. The visitor's guide was discussed, both a city and county version. Jason shared a rough draft.
8. EV Update: In July, there were 70 charges and 17 unique users. From Oct 2022-July 2023, there were 41 users and 34 were likely from out of the area. Discussion was held on renewing the partnership with PUD. Donna moved to continue the sponsorship for another year, Jason seconded. Kathy voted nay, the ayes carry the vote.
9. Special Events Committee: Kathy met with Nadia at Edgewater and 9/16 is set. The event would be outdoors with a more casual theme. The charge would be about \$25 per person; it would be more if we wanted to include a free drink. They can seat up to 225 and there are heaters outside if needed. We may need to move the date due to conflicting community events. Kathy will check with the Edgewater about a potential 9/23 event.
10. Jason adjourned the meeting at 7:32pm.