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FORTUNA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
August 19, 2019

The August 19, 2019, meeting of the Fortuna Chamber of Commerce was called to order by Chair Seth McGrath with 34 persons present.

Correspondence included the following announcements: English Express; Artist North Coast Growers' Association Farmers' Markets; Humboldt County Fair; City of Fortuna Press Release; Fortuna Senior Scene; HOPS in Humboldt; Humboldt Botanical Garden; Scrap Humboldt; Express Employment; Flynn Creek Circus; Fortuna Chamber Ribbon Cutting; and various articles by the Times Standard.

Seth McGrath thanked C.C. Catering for lunch.

Pastor Mark Seitz introduced guest Joshua Sinner from Sinner's Bikes for Kids. Joshua explained his kids' bike program. Anyone who brings in a used or broken bike, gets a "new" bike that someone else donated. If you are interested in donating a used bike, please contact Joshua at (707) 726-6269.

Luis Chaballo from Humboldt Area Foundation introduced guest Hannah Eisloeffel from Table Bluff Farm.

Ambassador Chair Laura Morris announced the ribbon cutting for Crystal Lewis State Farm Insurance would be August 26th immediately following the Monday Club meeting at 1:15 p.m.

Renee Lindsay announced the HOPS in Humboldt event would take place on Saturday, August 24 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Pre-sale tickets were available at the Chamber office.

Merritt Perry, City Manager, announced the agenda for Monday's City Council meeting.

Rick Center announced the Redwood Memorial Hospital Scramble to fundraise for a portable x-ray machine. Tickets were \$20.00 each. Drawing to be held on October 4, 2019. Need not be present to win. Three cash prizes: \$1,000; \$500; and \$250.

Seth McGrath reminded everyone that the Jr. Livestock Auction BBQ will take place on August 25 at 11:00 a.m. with the auction beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Humboldt County Fairgrounds.

Dianna Rios announced Rotary Day at the Humboldt County Fair would be on Friday, August 23. Rotarians wearing their Rotary pin would get in for free.

Guest Speaker: Cameron Mull, Director, Fortuna Parks & Recreation Department

The Parks & Recreation Department is responsible for over 75 acres between Newburg Park and Rohner Park. The Department is funded through the City's General Fund (14% of the Fund) and Measure E (17% of total funds). The Parks department works with the Humboldt County Probation Department (Community Service Work Program). There are three committees: Parks & Rec Committee, Historical Committee, and the Rohner Community Recreation & Park District. The City recently applied for a \$7.5 million Prop 68 grant to help fund improvements to Newburg Park. Improvements would include more parking, a skate park, tennis/pickleball courts; basketball court, and a picnic area. The City is hoping to build a new park along Riverwalk Drive. It's a 7 acre parcel on

Riverwalk Drive to the Eel River levee trail. A California Department of Natural Resources grant worth \$650,000 would help with the costs. The next Movies in the Park event will take place on Friday, August 30 at 8:30 p.m. featuring The Sandlot.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Lindsay
Recording Secretary