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**FORTUNA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
July 8, 2019

The July 8, 2019, meeting of the Fortuna Chamber of Commerce was called to order by Chair Seth McGrath with 24 persons present.

Correspondence included the following announcements: The GLC, Fortuna Kiwanis Club; Fortuna AutoXpo Calendar; Chili Cookoff Application; North Coast Growers' Association Farmers' Markets; Ridgetop Café & Coffee Barn dinner menu; Humboldt-Del Norte Film Commission *Movies in the Park*; Ribbon Cutting for Humboldt Auto Styling; Fundraiser for Blaine Cezario; Humboldt County Fair; Rodeo Association Sponsorship opportunities; and various articles by the Times Standard.

Seth McGrath thanked Moonlight Catering for lunch. He reminded everyone that we would not have a meeting on July 15 due to Chili Cook-off.

Renee Lindsay announced the upcoming Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting for Humboldt Auto Styling on Saturday, July 13 at 1:30 p.m. and Burlwood Gallery on July 20 at 12:00 p.m. Chili Cook-off applications are due on Thursday, July 11 by 4:00 p.m. We have 18 confirmed teams at this point. Rodeo BBQ tickets are on sale at the Chamber office.

Shannon McWhorter announced the upcoming Rodeo and need for volunteers.

Ray Lovell announced the upcoming Kiwanis pancake breakfasts on July 20, July 26, and July 27. Ray announced that Becky Giacomini will be collecting money and thanked Fortuna Grocery Outlet for sponsoring the sausage.

Dianna Rios announced the Kids Games on Tuesday, July 16 starting at 6:00 p.m. She had a last minute cancellation for the petting zoo, so she was looking for leads on another group that could supply animals for the kids.

Val Vosburg from the Fortuna Senior Center announced that their office will be moving into the GLC as soon as it opens. The Senior Center puts out 6 newsletters a year and are always looking for sponsors. Ad sizes are about equal to a business card and are \$20 per newsletter or \$120 a year.

Sean Swanson announced the 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary of River Life Foundation on July 5. A clean up would be held on July 13 at 8:45 am at the Shell Station near McDonald's.

Merritt Perry announced a Rohner Rec meeting at City Hall on Wednesday, July 10 at 2:30 p.m. Initial findings from the feasibility study would be shared.

Seth announced Fortuna Grocery Outlet's annual food drive. Their goal is \$18,000 by July 31. Every \$5 donation receives a \$5 off coupon on your next visit. All proceeds stay in the community. He also announced a new taqueria, El Paisano Taqueria, in the old Philly Cheesesteak location at Strongs Creek.

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Becky Giacomini thanked Merritt Perry and Seth McGrath for participating in the Pie Eating Contest at the Fortuna Fireworks Festival.

**Guest Speaker: Dr. Alex Service, Fortuna Depot Museum**

Alex gave a brief history of the Rodeo and read from old Humboldt Beacon news articles. She reported that they have archives of the Humboldt Beacon dating back to 1907 through its closing in 2011. They're all on computer and anyone is welcome to search through the archives. She announced the upcoming 100 year anniversary book that she and Susan O'Hara are putting together. They are asking for photos of past rodeos, particularly photos of the costume contest, clowns, and kids games. The Depot Museum is open 7 days a week from 12:00 to 4:30 p.m. On Sunday, July 14, they will have an open house at the Museum at 7:00 p.m. where they will share more Rodeo History.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Lindsay  
Recording Secretary