

PLEASE READ AND PASS ON

MINUTES
FORTUNA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
June 3, 2019

The June 3, 2019, meeting of the Fortuna Chamber of Commerce was called to order by guest Past Chair Bob Judevine with 31 persons present.

Correspondence included announcements from The GLC, Fortuna Kiwanis Club; Redwood Coast Energy Authority program for LED lighting incentives; Ridgetop Café & Coffee Barn dinner menu; CR's free Sign Language Class; Fortuna Fireworks Festival; Wild Souls Ranch *Sip of Summer*; Eel River Brewing Company's *Shuck Yeah!*; Fortuna Rotary's *Art & Wine in the Park*; North Coast Growers' Association Farmers' Markets; North Coast Journal's "*An Otter Idea*;" Fortuna AutoXpo Calendar; Chili Cookoff Application; Fundraiser for Blaine Cezario; Fortuna Fire's *CPR Training*; Fortuna PD's *Coffee with a Cop*; Arcata Airport's Denver Launch Party; and various newspaper articles.

Bob Judevine thanked C.C. Catering for lunch.

Kelly Isaacson announced a fundraiser for local resident, Blaine Cezario.

Merritt Perry announced the City Council. He also announced the Coffee with a Cop event to be held June 5th at Starbucks.

Renee Lindsay announced that the June Mixer will be on June 19th at Wild Souls Ranch. Upcoming ribbon cuttings included Left in Stitches on June 10 and Humboldt Equity on June 17. The Humboldt Wind Project has extended their Public Comment period until June 14th. There would be a community meeting at Winema Theater in Scotia on June 3 at 6:30 p.m. Natalynne DeLapp will be the Chamber Lunch presenter on June 10th. Fortuna Fire was offering a CPR/AED Class June 3 from 6:00pm – 9:00pm p.m. at the Fire Hall. The Fortuna Farmers' Market returns Tuesdays from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at 10th & Main. The Arcata Airport would be celebrating the inaugural flight from Denver on Thursday, June 6th at 7:30 p.m.

Bob Judevine announced that Wild Souls Ranch was looking for volunteers to help with set up at their Sip of Summer event. If interested, you could sign up on the sheet going around.

Shannon McWhorter presented information on the upcoming Rodeo and showed off their new hats. He passed out volunteer sheets for anyone interested in helping volunteer during Rodeo Week.

Ben McWhorter presented information on sponsorship opportunities for the Rodeo.

Guest Speaker: Bryan Robinson, HYGRO

Bryan presented a virtual tour of his cannabis cultivation facility. The facility sits on a 10-acre parcel and includes several 10,000 sq. ft. greenhouses. Some of the local businesses that were involved in the construction phase included Whitchurch Engineering, Eureka Ready Mix, and Forbusco. The greenhouses use a smell mitigation system called FOG-Co. It sprays a water-based mist which contains a fragrance. Even though they are not required to provide smell mitigation, it was important to Bryan as they have residences nearby. The greenhouse contains a wet wall which provides needed moisture

and temperature control without using air conditioning. The greenhouses are outfitted with blackout tarps that cover the entire greenhouse. All of the plants are grown in fabric beds to avoid exposure to chemicals and heavy metals.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Lindsay
Recording Secretary