



City of Fort Bragg

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Meeting Minutes Special Meetings

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

9:30 AM Town Hall, 363 N. Main Street and Via Video Conference

Visit Fort Bragg Committee

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chair Albin-Smith called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM

ROLL CALL

Staff Present: Administrative Analyst- Cristal Munoz, Administrative Analyst- Diana Sanchez, and Administrative Assistant- Amber Weaver.

Present: 6- Tess Albin-Smith, Marcia Rafanan, Debra DeGraw, Lia Morsell, Jamie Peters-Connolly

Absent: Jason Hurst, Alison DeGrassi

NOTE: Barb Bruce arrived at 9:34AM, Marcia Rafanan left meeting at 10:05 PM

Present: 8 - Tess Albin-Smith, Alison DeGrassi, Debra DeGraw, Jason Hurst, Lia Morsell, Marcia Rafanan, Jamie Peters-Connolly and Barbara Bruce

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

3. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

3A. [23-397](#) Receive Update from Idea Cooperative on Visit Fort Bragg Efforts

Tom Kavanaugh from The Idea Cooperative presented the increased traffic on the Magic Market webpage and other marketing strategies such as the coded beer coasters which could be scanned and linked to local breweries. Kavanaugh reported followers on Instagram increased by 63 and Facebook by 139. Cristal Munoz thanked everyone who attended and noted the media interest.

Public Comment: Jenny Shattuck.

Discussion: Connolly thanked the City for letting Harvest take part in Magic Market. More discussion on the larger attendance of this year's event and the momentum persist through upcoming projects including the Winter Wonderland Event at the Guest House, Gift Guide, Restaurant Guide, and bringing back Small Business Saturday.

3B. [23-398](#) Receive Oral Update From VFB Special Events Subcommittee

Administrative Analyst Cristal Munoz opened the discussion on the decision to make the Winter Wonderland Event as successful as Magic Market by way of pictures with Santa, crafts, music, and encouraged more food vendors to apply.

Public Comment: Jay Rosenquist and Jenny Shattuck.

Discussion: The Committee discussed the need for more volunteers and the intent to encourage more traffic at the Guest House Museum in conjunction with Winter Wonderland.

4. MATTERS FROM COMMITTEE / STAFF

Chairperson Albin-Smith reported the Whale Run will take place. There was some discussion on which pamphlets should be present at the craft fair. Concerns about the limited budget prompted discussion on where the decorations/ lights should be prioritized in making the streets festive.

Public Comment: Jenny Shattuck and Jacob Patterson.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Albin-Smith adjourned the meeting at 10:30 AM