

Minutes
Castle Rock Chamber of Commerce
July 13, 2006, 3 p.m., Castle Rock Exhibit Hall

President Linda Bauska called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

Members present were: Linda Bauska, Sharon Traub, John Kramer, Ryana Covington, Myron Nelson, Mayor Barbara Larsen, Jason Robertson, Mark Plotkin Cowlitz County Tourism and guest, Diane Bonkowski, Chairperson for Mountain Mania.

Secretary's Report—approved as printed

Treasurer's Report—approved as printed

Castle Rock Fair—Members were reminded that the fair starts on the 13th. Prior to the opening of the fair the annual parade will be held at 6:30 p.m. Due to new requirements from the Washington Dept. of Transportation the parade route had to be changed. Ryana outlined the new rules and the new parade route. It will start at the Elementary School, wind it way through Castle Rock and end up at the Middle School. (In past years the parade ended at the fairgrounds. This year, with the new parade route it was a concern as far as fair attendance. The final attendance for Thursday, the 13th, showed the attendance was up by 250.)

Mountain Mania Dinner—Linda thanked Foster Farms and the eateries in town that offered to supply food for the dinner. The dinner will be Friday, July 21st, 6 – 8 p.m. The Mountain Mania tent will be located on First Ave. by Hattie's. The cost will be \$7.50 for Adults and \$5. for children. Wirkala's band will be the entertainment. The board voted to present the band a \$100. gift.

STP Breakfast—The Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the STP Breakfast on Sunday, July 16th from 5 – 8:30 a.m. The breakfast will be served at Castle Rock High School. Linda will prepare the breakfast. The cost of the breakfast will be \$5.

Signage Committee—The placement location of the signs has been determined and as soon as they are made the city will install them. They will include the new city logo and will have the international symbols for various services found in Castle Rock. No business's name will be on the sign.

City Maps/Placemats—Myron presented a sample of the city map/placemat. The format was thought to be a start, but with input from Mark and Jason it was felt the entire project could be greatly enhanced. Rather than rush to complete the project for 2006 it was felt, with some additional time the project should be completed in time for the 2007 tourist season. It will be an on-going project through the year.

Park Brochure—tabled

Nomination of Officers—At the August 10th Chamber of Commerce meeting there will be the election of officers for the 2006-07 year. The following nominations were made:

President—Wayne Lunday, Sandra Keatley, Coni Bush, and
Rick Walton

Vice President—Ellen Rose, Ryana Covington and Linda Bauska

Secretary—Myron Nelson

Treasurer—Sharon Traub

Additional nominations will still be accepted at the next meeting. It was requested that the membership make an all-out effort to attend and vote at the August 10th election.

Mountain Mania—Diane Bonkowski, Chairperson of Mountain Mania Festival gave us a brief update on preparations for Mountain Mania. She also stated the t-shirts were in and were selling fast.

County Tourist Office—Mark Plotkin, County Tourism Director, informed us his office in Kelso is now open. He also thanked John Kramer for offering to serve on the County Tourism Committee.

Announcements—Myron passed out a sample of the August Community Calendar. He also reported the first Castle Rock National Night Out will be held on August 1st, 6 – 9 p.m. at the Castle Rock Middle School. There will be a Bar-B-Que, games, displays and entertainment. The Castle Rock Police Department and the CARE Coalition are sponsoring the evening.

Linda presented a bill for artwork on the sign logo in the amount of \$100. It was moved and passed the bill be paid.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

NEXT MEETING AUGUST 10TH, 3 P.M., CASTLE ROCK EXHIBIT HALL. ELECTION-- ATTEND AND VOTE!!!