

Castle Rock Chamber of Commerce  
Minutes, February 14, 2008

President Coni Bush called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Members present:** John Kramer, Rick Walton, Michelle Myre, Dave Vorse, Coni Bush, Sharon Traub, Ryana Covington, Myron Nelson, Henry Karnofski, Mark Plotkins, Mayor Barbara Larsen, Carolyn Kennington and Kathleen Evans.

**Secretary's Report**—Approved as printed

**Treasurer's Report**—Approved as printed

**City Directory**—The membership approved the application form. The President will ask Mike to proceed with mailing them out. Mark pointed out the response the first year may not be what we expect as the new directory is something the businesses have not seen. After the response from the ad it will be necessary for the membership to decide how many need to be printed. It may be sometime in April or early May before the directory is printed and in circulation.

**Cowlitz Street West Projects**--Dave Vorse, Public Works Director, City of Castle Rock, brought us up to date on the funding of projects on Cowlitz Street W. from Huntington Avenue to 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. Unless some other outside funding can be obtained it will be necessary to do the project in two phases. Phase one would be the water and sewer project and phase 2 would be the street improvement project. In order for the city to get input from the community and business leaders Dave has scheduled a public meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m., Castle Rock Senior Center. To assist in getting the word out to the public, Michelle Myre, *Valley Bugler*, will print an article in the March issue. It is hoped that there will be a good response from the community.

**Scholarships**—Myron shared a cover letter and a suggested application form to be used by the students to apply for the scholarship. The application was approved with one exception, the year the student passed the WASL. It was moved and passed that the Chamber of Commerce award two \$500. scholarships. Myron will print the material and get it to the high school prior to March 1<sup>st</sup>. Judging will take

place during April. The recipients will be announced at the Award Assembly in June and also at graduation.

**School Levy**—Information sheets in regards to the up-coming four year school Maintenance and Operation levy were passed out. Voting was to take place on or before February 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Health and Safety Fair**—The Health and Safety Fair will be April 12<sup>th</sup>, 10 – 2 p.m. at the Castle Rock Senior Center. Myron is in the process of contacting vendors. The Fire Department will once again offer free bike helmets to the children who return a coupon. There will also be a canned food drive to help support the Castle Rock Lion’s Food Bank.

**Pride Day**—Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> has been designated Pride Day in Castle Rock. There will free dumping of debris all day. Carolyn will once again coordinate the event. Sign up will be at the Senior Center in the morning. The senior center will have coffee and cinnamon rolls for sale. It was suggested to present to the workers who were a part of the clean-up crews a coupon good for percentage off certain items at the Castle Rock Bakery.

**Logger’s Dinner**—Coni announced that the first Mountain Mania Day meeting of the year would be held February 21<sup>st</sup>, 7 p.m., at the Rose Tree.

**Exit 49 Sign**—The Castle Rock Lion’s Club will not take down the sign at exit 49. It was suggested that records of the previous chamber and/or city be checked to see who has ownership of the sign.

**Every 15 minutes**—The membership approved the payment of \$100. to the Cowlitz County Sheriff Department to help in funding the “Every 15 Minutes” program that is presented at the high schools each year.

**Customer Service Training**—Mark passed out flyers in regards to the Customer Service Training workshop that will be held March 5<sup>th</sup>, 9 – 11 a.m. at the Castle Rock Exhibit Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup>, 8:30 A.M., CASTLE ROCK SENIOR CENTER. THE COFFEE POT WILL BE ON!!!**