

Castle Rock
Chamber of Commerce
Minutes from January 11, 2007

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

Members present: John Kramer, Ken Campbell, Coni Bush, Ryana Covington, Myron Nelson, Mayor Larsen and Dave Vorse, Dir. of Public Works, City of Castle Rock

(Due to weather conditions some members who were scheduled to give reports were not present)

Secretary's Report---Approved as printed

Treasurer's Report---Approved as printed

COWLITZ STREET PROJECT AND PARK BROCHURES---Dave Vorse was invited to the meeting to give us an update on the park brochure and the Cowlitz Street Project.

He reported he and Chris Gould have been working on the Park Brochure and as soon as they acquire enough businesses to sponsor it, it will be printed and ready for distribution.

Dave also gave a lengthy report on the Cowlitz Street Project. For almost 10 years he has been applying for grants to improve Cowlitz St. Depending on the various options the improvements would cost \$1.3 million at the low end to \$2 million at the high end. At the present time he has almost \$800,000. secured for the project. Until a determination can be made as to the exact plan to be finalized he will continue to search for additional funds. Dave was complimented on the amount of effort he has put into this project.

Sweatshirts---tabled

Dick Hannah Toyota---tabled

Circus---tabled

Information Sheet/Placemats---tabled

Old Sign – Exit 49---Tabled

Easter Hams---John said he would contact the businesses to get them involved in collecting canned foods. Myron stated the center has a supply of coffee cans that could be used to collect the tickets. He also said the Chamber of Commerce could use the Senior Center ticket drum for the drawings.

Wooster Building---It was suggested some members could volunteer to clean up and paint the window display area.

Drug Free Signs—tabled

50 Cent Drawing---tabled

Announcements—

Myron passed out the February Community Calendar Quilt Show, February 1 – 28, 10- 2 p.m., Wednesday – Saturday, Castle Rock Exhibit Hall

Ryana reported receiving a Horizons Project grant to develop strategies to reduce poverty in our community. If you are interested in participating in an action group to take place in February, please contact her at 274-8181. Action groups will make recommendations for projects to address this issue.

Mayor Larsen stated that at the January 23rd City Council Meeting the city would be presented a check for \$1 million, for the boat launch project.

Dave spoke briefly about the Peace Health Wellness Program. He also passed out Cowlitz County Help Cards.

The status of Mountain Mania was questioned.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.