



Board Meeting

TO: Randy Berner
Rene Simard

FROM: Josh Hensley

SUBJECT/Date: Leadership Aurora Board Meeting – 4/08/2015

Attendees:

	Baker, Greg	x	deGala, Gigi	x	Kusek, Amy
x	Banks, Rachel	x	Dow, Antoinette		Lockwood, Chris
x	Barber, David	x	Ellis, Sarah		Tapp, Michael
x	Barker, Maureen	x	Evans, Ryan		
x	Berner, Randy	x	Garcia, Mike (Chief)		Jones, Deborah
x	Carlson, Cassidee	x	Garcia, Mike	x	Pogue, Patrick
x	Mittan, Dave	x	Greeley, Donna		Scarpella, Debra
x	Grooms, Christina	x	Hensley, Josh	x	Toering, Melissa
x	DeBell, Wendy	x	Jones, Christy		Wheat, Gary
x	Kehn, Randy	x	Wolfe, Michelle		Hougen, Kevin
x	Schindler, Mitzi		Simard, Rene	x	Young, Sarah

Call to Order - Randy Berner called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

- Congratulations to Mike Garcia on his recent wedding and the announcement that he and his wife are expecting a child.
- Welcome Emilia Amilot, intern with the Chamber.

1. ***Evaluation – Military Session by Randy Kehn***

Randy reported that overall the session went well but that because of some unavoidable circumstances, it was not the best Military day in recent years. Several large events were scheduled at Buckley on the same day and over 200

people are deployed to Korea. Many of the briefings were delivered by substitute presenters because the senior commanders were in a daylong meeting. Additionally, the flight the class was scheduled to observe was cancelled due to weather. Despite the complications, Sarah Young reported that the class had a great experience and enjoyed the day. Everyone enjoyed the catered lunch.

The Board discussed suggestions for future Military sessions. Christina Grooms mentioned that the public is interested in how Buckley influences the surrounding community beyond the fiscal impact. Another idea discussed was to include the security dogs and dog handlers as part of the session. The security dogs are a popular part of other Buckley tours.

2. ***Update on the upcoming session – Police Day by Cassidee Carlson***

Cassidee stated that everything is planned and ready for the Police session. She requested volunteers from the Board to assist in the morning with directing the class to the first event. The Police day activities will be similar to last year. Breakfast will be courteous of Edward Jones. APD will provide lunch and the Chamber will bring snacks for the day. Chief Metz will welcome the class.

3. ***Update on the session in 2 months – Fire Day by Chief Mike Garcia***

Chief Garcia reported that Fire day is planned and he is just hoping for good weather. He requested the class be provided a detailed map showing parking and the location of the morning session.

4. ***Class President Report – Sarah Young***

- Sarah informed the Board that the class filled over 10 large bags as part its Adopt a Highway project. The class will complete a second cleanup effort in the future.
- The next social event will be held at Cedar Creek Pub after the Police session. The Board is invited to attend.
- The class has raised over \$2,400 for Pay-it-Forward and they are confident they will meet the \$3,000 goal.
- Graduation will be held the evening of June 4 at the Aurora Municipal Center. The class is looking for a bartender for the event. Advertisements in the class yearbook will be available again this year.

5. ***Program Director Update – Mitzi Schindler***

Mitzi provided an update of the program budget. She mentioned there is \$2,800 designated for graduation.

6. ***Board Meeting minutes were approved.*** Michelle Wolfe moved that the minutes from the March meeting be approved with a small change that she sent to Rene Simard. Pat Pogue seconded and the minutes were approved.

Other Business:

- Mike Garcia provided an update on the golf tournament. Mike mentioned that Naomi Colwell has completed much of the organization for the event. There is still a need for donated items in 144 portions for goody bags. Large raffle items are also needed. Mike will send an email to the Board with deadlines for donations. There is always a need for additional sponsors. Mike has found it is helpful for some companies and organizations to pay the sponsorship fee over a couple of months. He also mentioned the importance of paying special recognition to sponsors so that the sponsorship will be viewed as worthwhile to the company or organization.
- Randy Berner reported that the nominations for the new Leadership Aurora Board were approved by the Chamber Board. Congratulations to Sarah Ellis the new Vice Chair.
- The Board Social will be held on April 25, 2015 from 5:00pm-9:00pm in the Beacon Point Community Center. Only 10 people have signed up and paid the fee so far. Several Board members reported difficulty in signing up online. Board members were able to sign up on paper at the meeting and they will be registered by the Chamber. Mike Garcia and Hurricane Wings and Grill are graciously providing food for the evening. The Chamber is trading a one year membership in exchange for the DJ. The event fee will cover the cost of the venue and staff. The Board Social is BYOB.
- Kevin Hogan discussed that the Chamber is working on a study of military installations in Colorado to quantify their value to communities. He also mentioned the State has approved \$5 million to purchase land surrounding Buckley. The USAF Thunderbirds will participate in the Rocky Mountain Airshow May 29-31. The challenge to the Gaylord resort should be resolved and the project will hopefully break ground in August 2015.
- David Barber reported that Tyrone Adams from the 2015 Leadership Aurora class was selected as the CEO of the Colorado Association of Realtors. Congratulations, Tyrone.
- Chief Garcia shared information about a fundraiser for the Aurora Symphony Orchestra at Outback Steakhouse on April 22nd, Administrative Professional Day. A portion of the proceeds from the lunchtime event will go to support the Aurora Symphony. Please send the Chief an email for more details.
- Michelle Wolfe discussed that the Aurora Symphony Orchestra will be in a difficult financial situation over the next year. She invited Board members to attend Aurora Symphony Uncorked at the Wine Experience in the Southlands from 1:00pm – 3:00pm on Sunday April 26.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 5:10pm.

Next board meeting will be May 13, 2015.

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Randy Berner

Chair, Leadership Aurora Board