



Thurston County Hotel & Motel Commission Meeting
Tuesday, June 26, 2017 • 3:30 pm
Ramada Hotel, 4520 Martin Way E, Olympia, WA 98516

ATTENDEES: DeEsta Denver, Jetu Chaudhry, Denise Hibbeln, Valerie Walters, Michael Gustaves, John Hutchings, Michael Cordier, Nick Durant, Shauna Stewart (staff), Craig Ottavelli (staff)

MINUTES

1. Call to Order – **Chair Michael Gustaves called the meeting to order at 3:40 pm.**
2. Consent Calendar – **It was moved, second, passed unanimously to approve the consent calendar as presented.**
 - a. Approval of May 16, 2017 Minutes
 - b. Financials
3. STR Report – Shauna Stewart presented updated scorecards.
4. Marketing & Communications Report
 - a. The Advisory Committee provided strategic advice to the VCB on sports tourism and has been meeting regularly. The committee is working to develop a logo and graphic identity to facilitate branding the destination for sports activities.
 - b. Web visits were down in April and May due to significant virus problems. The next TPA meeting will include a demonstration of the newly launched VCB website.
 - c. Apple Fritter Ice Chips are available for properties to include as VIP giveaways. Contact the VCB directly to learn how to obtain Ice Chips directly from the company.
 - d. VCB administrative offices will move to co-locate with TRPC in August. The Visitor Information Center will expand to become a better and more dynamic experience for visitors. Member businesses may have opportunities for advertising in the expanded space.
 - e. A property survey has been distributed. TPA Commissioners are encouraged to complete the survey for their property.
 - f. A Smith Travel Research report will again be used to forecast for 2018.
5. Items from the Floor
 - a. August 5 – Yelm is hosting its first annual jazz festival.
 - b. July 29 – Yelm is hosting a UFO festival.
6. Adjournment – **Michael Gustaves adjourned the meeting at 4:25 pm.**

Next Meeting: August 28, 2017