



General Membership Annual Meeting
Wednesday, May 17, 2023, 8:30 – 10 a.m.
The Trailhead (DHI HQ)
330 N Jackson Street

Zoom Option

Meeting ID: 876 2270 8241
No Password

Board of Directors

Sarah Hamblock, President
Kelley Crevier, Vice-President
Megan Helton
Matthew Hoffman
Rusty Linden

Chris Starr
Jordan Conley, Operations Director

Agenda

- I. Socializing
- II. Welcome
- III. Update by Commissioner Dean
- IV. Update from Businesses + Public Comment + Welcome to New Members
 - a. Stonetree Climbing Center: Summer camps almost full; indoor to outdoor climbing class upcoming; June 2 Open House
 - b. Birds & Beasleys: Saturday Morning Bird Walks are starting
 - c. Farmer's Market: Officially open; Ribbon Cutting on Saturday, May 20; June 17th is the 50th anniversary celebration.
 - d. DHI Tabling at the Market is still available. Dates: June 10, 17; August 19; October 21, 28
 - e. Great Divide: Craft a Better Community for Ski Hill at Craft beer places and Gulch this month
 - f. Bray: all activities are online; 3rd Thursdays (and more) Artist amplified; resident shows (Open Studio Days) first Fridays; getting app for self-guided tours; live auction online
 - g. Neil Sauter: balloon festival in October; businesses can sponsor a sculpture to benefit a non-profit
 - h. MT Club: fundraiser on June 3 (gala)—tickets available online. Also tickets available for after party at Rathskeller with Kendrick & Mondie; gala is to fund building repairs
 - i. Lasso the Moon: hosting the I SPY challenge
 - j. Exploration Works!: Robot Zoo!

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- V. Presentation by PureView Re: Narcan, God’s Love, Good Samaritan Programs, and PureView Services
 - a. PureView cancelled
 - b. Interested in providing Narcan training for businesses

- VI. Update from Staff and Board Members
 - a. BID
 - i. Working with United Way and others on a downtown toolkit on unhoused
 - 1. General agreement that a handout for business and property owners would be helpful; reviewed draft
 - 2. Questions from group:
 - 3. What to do with shopping carts on your property? Suggestion: bring them to Helena Food Share
 - 4. What about parking/sleeping in cars?
 - 5. Is there someone besides the police to call after hours?
 - 6. Is there a way to put people to work?
 - ii. Working on assessment, budget, work plan
 - iii. Banner Program: PPLT and Gov Cup are participating; summer banners up
 - iv. Flowers: To go up in mid-June
 - v. Downtown Toilet: portable toilet seeing significant use; working to get a permanent downtown toilet—likely a Portland Loo

 - b. Events
 - i. Hello Summer Recap
 - 1. Weather was iffy; not a great turn-out
 - 2. Did give away \$500+ of kids’ bicycle helmets courtesy of Great Divide Cyclery
 - ii. Gold Rush Days Recap
 - 1. Some hits, some misses. Now we know better what works and what to pursue next year
 - 2. Jordan: we need more involvement from businesses; need folks to stay open
 - 3. Suggestion: do a retail focus group
 - 4. Suggestion: have involved businesses confirm maps and schedule
 - iii. Spring Art Walk Recap
 - 1. Went well; some confusion with balloons
 - 2. Jordan: still need folks to register earlier
 - iv. Soapbox Derby Registration Event on May 20
 - 1. Rev Up Event at Mt. Ascension Brewing
 - 2. Derby car; sponsorship information; etc.
 - v. Alive at Five
 - 1. Starts on June 7. See line-up here:
https://downtownhelena.com/dhi_event/alive-at-five-series/

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- vi. Summer Art Walk on July 14
 - 1. NEW EVENT!
 - 2. Registration will be up soon
- c. Soapbox Derby Sponsorship Opportunities
 - i. See more here: <https://www.septemberfestderby.com/>
- d. 2023 Membership Update
 - i. NA
- e. Farmers Market Update
 - i. See above

VII. Adjourn

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