



**JCVB Advisory Board Meeting**

AMENDED Minutes

October 19, 2021

Attended: Chair: Kevin Greim, Co-Chair: Miranda Comer, Sec: Crystal Albright, Pete Hall, Erin Slifka, Erik Bartlett, Mike Greninger, and James Cullumber

Absent: Josh Shackles and Brent Parker

Staff: Patrick Tuttle and Kerstin Landwer

Guests: Nick Edwards, Joplin City Manager, Rob O'Brian, Use Tax Citizen's committee, and Jared Bruggeman, Joplin Sports Authority

Location: Joplin City Hall, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Study

**I. Call to Order:**

Chairman Greim called the meeting to order, time 3:01 p.m.

**II. Introduction** of Pete Hall, GM Residence Inn and Erik Bartlett, owner Runaround as new member to the board.

**III. Approve of September 2021 minutes:**

Mr. Greninger motioned to accept, Mr. Cullumber second, unanimously approved -- 8 in favor, 0 against, 2 absent.

**IV. Presentation on Proposition Action:**

Mr. Edwards and Mr. O'Brian presented to the board details on the upcoming City election to advance a Use Tax on out of state internet purchases. The presentation detailed how the city would manage the revenue collected and some of the programs (action plans) that would come from the funds, plus addressed the challenges the city faces without the tax.

Following the presentation there were a few questions and some discussion, then Mr. Edwards concluded with a preview of the April 2022 initiative for a bond to renovate Memorial Hall. Mr Tuttle mentioned, Mr. Hall, with Residence Inn and Chef Damien Tiregol with Crabby's and Blackstone Gastropub will be the tourism/hospitality representative on the citizen's committee.

**V. Joplin Sports Authority update:**

Mr. Bruggeman, interim director of Joplin Sports Authority gave the board an update of JSA activities, structure, and partnerships with the CVB.

Following the presentation, Director Tuttle suggested that the board members might want to consider whether to provide the JSA Director a seat on the CVB Advisory Board. Three board members, Mr. Hall, Mr. Greninger, and Mr. Bartlett expressed their concerns to this idea and indicated they would not support the idea but encouraged the JSA to continue to have a close working relationship with the CVB and the CVB Advisory Board and to attend the CVB Advisory Board meetings to provide updates. There were no board members who spoke in favor of the idea. Lacking a motion and a second, no further action was taken.

**VI. Transportation Impacts:**

Mr. Tuttle opened a discussion about upcoming roadwork by MoDOT that will impact the hotel district and guests traveling in/out of the city.

- 1) 36<sup>th</sup> and Range Line will see an expanded signal system and improved turning lane as the new Chik-fil-A opens. A second left-hand turning lane will be added out of Sam's.
- 2) The Range Line bridge over the KCS tracks is tentatively scheduled to close in the Spring of 2022 for 4-months. When it does reopen, it may be just 2-lanes until all bridge work is completed. Opening will alleviate part of the need for a detour. Having just 2-lanes will potentially create a bottle neck during peak times.
  - a. Primary detour during the bridge closure will be for traffic from 32<sup>nd</sup>/FF & Range Line go east out to Hwy 249, then north to 7<sup>th</sup>/MO-66, then west back to Range Line – or in reverse. This will hopefully take the heavier traffic off locally used route.
  - b. Davis Blvd. and Connecticut Avenue will be options for “local” traffic between 32<sup>nd</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Streets.

The board asked Mr. Tuttle to inquiry if MoDOT would hold a meeting specifically for hotels and restaurants impacted.

VII. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Submitted by.

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Kevin Greim  
Chairman

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Patrick Tuttle  
For the Secretary