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KAMMA REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

August 18, 2020

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

LOCATION:

Meeting held via ZOOM Video Conferencing

Meeting URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/834444697934>

Meeting ID: 834 4469 7934

August 18, 2020 MEETING SUMMARY

I. Welcome: John Hansen welcomed all and invited guests to introduce themselves. The 24 attendees were:

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| John Hansen | Laron |
| Jeff McKnight | I-Corp Arizona, Inc. |
| Dolly Moore | Ascend Staffing |
| Tim Woods | Mohave County Fair Association |
| Bennett Bratley | City of Kingman |
| Michael Jimmerson | Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA) – MEP |
| Jenifer Hayes | ARIZONA@WORK |
| Jason Millen | ARIZONA@WORK |
| Ken Hewitt | AZDES |
| Lisa Black | GEO Group |
| Jaime Ramirez | J-M Eagle |
| Cherish Sammeli | KACC, Pioneer Title |
| Becky Fawson | KACC |
| Beth VanHoose | KUSD |
| Cassie Vroegh | KUSD |
| Jason Gee | MCC |
| Jean Bishop | Mohave County, Supervisor District 4 |
| Mary Mendola | Mohave County – ARIZONA@WORK |
| Amy West | WAVE / JTED |
| Bill Lenhart | Sunbelt Development |
| Carly Mossman | Sunbelt Development |
| Mike Quinn | KACC |
| Anthony Lombardi | |
| Brian Zimmerman | |

II. The meeting minutes from the June 16, 2020 were not available at the time of the meeting. KAMMA Meeting minutes are posted on the KAMMA website: (<http://www.mohavemfgassociation.com/>)

III. **Financial Report:** Jeff McKnight indicated that the ending balance July 31, 2020 was \$12,187.14. There was one debit of \$106 (PO Box rental) and one credit of \$200 (Sunbelt membership dues deposit)

IV. **Old Business:**

a. **Membership Update:** Dolly Moore noted 2020 total membership of 43 which consists of 29 paid, 12 Ex-Officio and 2 comp'd members.

b. **Website Maintenance:** Dolly Moore indicated that the website is running well and is recently working with Bennett and Krista to get the City's page updated.

c. **Training Update:** John Hansen introduced Michael Jimmerson with the Arizona MEP. Michael noted that there is information on the ACA website relative to Small Business Bootcamp where the ACA & MEP assist small businesses respond to the impacts of COVID-19 and move plan for the future and return stronger. Michael also noted there is CARES Act funding available and the MEP is accepting applications for those looking for assistance during these trying times. John Hansen noted that the information would be sent out to the membership.

John did mention that KAMMA desires to execute another EMT training session once things calm a bit with the COVID crisis. Jason Gee noted that MCC is looking into EMT training.

V. **New Business**

a. **School Schedules and Getting Workforce Back to Work:** John Hansen noted a members concern relative to schools getting children back to the classrooms whereas working parents can get back to work without compromise. John collaborated with various school authorities on the matter and actually drafted a letter that could have been sent to the Governor to help support effective changes as needed to help manufacturing businesses get back to less stressed staff attendance due to students being at home. John commended the local school board and authorities for the work they have been doing to work through this unprecedented challenge and noted that the letter was never sent to the Governor. KUSD is offering options where students can choose between Virtual & In Person Learning or utilize an Online Learning Academy. It is expected that in person learning can be offered after the fall break. Those who choose the online path will continue that option after the schools return to in person learning.

- b. Board of Directors – Election Update:** John Hansen indicated that there were no nominations provided by the committee appointed to process the election of new directors (Treasurer and Vice President) therefore the incumbent director would remain serving. At this time the Board is operating without a Treasurer and Tim Woods will continue to serve in the Vice President position.
- c. Future Meeting Forum Discussion:** John Hansen made appeal to the group on their thoughts to have future meetings using the Zoom Video Conferencing tool and all were favorable in doing so.
- d. Rancho Santa Fe Parkway Traffic Interchange - Status Update:** Bill Lenhart with Sunbelt Development shared with the group news relative to the RSFTI and the progress being made toward beginning construction on the much anticipated addition to the Kingman Airport and Industrial Park. Bill shared screen views of some zoning maps with a few different concepts relative to how the area can be built out with light industrial and warehousing space that could reach a total of 2 million square feet. Bill noted that agreement had been made with the owner of the existing quarry near the RSFTI where the land could be purchased and that would allow a significant flood control infrastructure with the possibility to recharge water into the aquifer. Bill is being hopeful that construction can begin on the RSFTI project in the first or second quarter of 2021 with a projected buildout of the area with all features in 10 to 15 years.
- e. Partner Updates: JTED, MCC, Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce, City of Kingman and Others:** Jason Gee, Associate Dean at MCC noted that there would be a ribbon cutting today for the new partnership between MCC and Phoenix Truck Driving School to take over their program to train drivers and get them hired. The training will be available 5 days a week and will begin next week (week of August 24th)

Jason offered thanks to the respondents to the recent survey they sent out to the local businesses relative to training needs. This survey is helping them make plans for a training center to be located within the Industrial Park that can offer various types of training relative to manufacturing. Jason noted that the survey results showed that interest on the individual training topics ranged from 100% to 55% as being “needed” or “preferred”. There were no topics that were identified as less than 55% preferred or above. Combining all participants’ responses on all training topics resulted in an overall percentage of 75% that all topics are either needed or preferred. Jason encouraged business leaders to participate in the survey as the information is vital to helping develop a more useful opportunity.

MCC will start next week with many classes utilizing Zoom and virtual learning. Vocational and Technical education will still be on campus. MCC will execute social distancing and elevated cleaning for these classes.

Bennett Bratley, Economic Development Manager for the City of Kingman reported that the Kingman Airport has expanded space to park airplanes by making new lanes

for parking using old millings. This business has expanded during the COVID crisis due to the reduced use of commercial flights and airlines are parking aircraft.

The City has been assisting MCC with the recent survey for training needs and will send out an additional email to the local businesses. Also noted was a wage survey the City is compiling to assist businesses looking for this information and encouraged managers to help offer information from their companies.

Bennett noted that inquiries for property and/or existing sites have seen an uptick in activity over the recent months. Due to Cascades and Knauf clearing their respective locations there is over a million square feet of existing buildings available for occupancy.

Tourism has seen a tremendous reduction with the visitor center seeing sales for FY 20 around \$20K and now those numbers are \$5,800.

Becky Fawson, President and CEO of Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce shared that Mike Quinn is the outgoing chairman of the board and that she welcomed the incoming chair, Jaime Ramirez who is the plant manager of J-M Eagle.

Beth VanHoose, CTE Administrative Assistant for KUSD introduced Cassie Vroegh, CTE Director for KUSD who will succeed Carol Gunnerson. Beth noted that there were 80 students on campus the first day with 40 in WAVE at MCC. MFG Day 2020 is still undecided and will be challenging. MFG Day nationally is going virtual but Beth indicated that they might look toward spring to plan the event where students could be in person to visit various businesses.

Tim Woods, General Manager, Mohave County Fair Association stated it has been a tough year at the Fairgrounds and the annual County Fair has been canceled. Tim noted that there has been only one fair within the state to take place and that was prior to the COVID crisis. Financial losses due to County Fairs being cancelled is near \$1.3 billion and if the state fair cancels that number would push up to near \$3 billion.

Tim indicated that the Construction Day event has been postponed due to the strict CDC guidelines for 50+ groups.

Jason Millen with ARIZONA@WORK noted that Construction Day will push out to April tentatively and that they are doing recruitment now for the event.

VI. NEXT REGULAR KAMMA MEETING:

September 15, 2020

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Location: Online via Zoom Video Conferencing