

MINUTES
April 26, 2006

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Smoot called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. Present were members Charlie Burleson and Rick Miller. The audience included Town Manager Michael Boaz, Mayor Rick Owen, and Councilman Gil Adams. Melissa Scism of The Tombras Group, Jennifer Wiggins of Akins Crisp Public Strategies and Parks Committee member Jim Brooks. Councilman Pete Chamberlin arrived after the meeting had begun.

II. Consideration of Proposed 2006-2007 Budget

The members of the Committee discussed the proposed budget for fiscal year 2006-2007 that was prepared by Sally Rominger. The Committee discussed the amount of money that was given to the Town for sledding hill operations. Committee members recommended discontinuing this contribution and using the money to fund a free transportation system on the Mountain. Committee members discussed the amount of money that the TDA contributes for fireworks each year and at what time that money is given.

III. Consideration of the Minutes from Previous Meeting – Rick Miller made a correction to Item F of the minutes and upon a motion by Rick, seconded by Charlie the minutes were approved as amended.

IV. Financial Report – The financial report was accepted as presented.

V. Set Public Hearing on Budget – Rick Miller moved to hold the public hearing at 9:30AM on May 31, 2006 and after a second by Charlie Burleson, the motion passed unanimously.

VI. Chamber of Commerce Report – The Chamber of Commerce reported the to TDA on its activities during the month.

VII. Other Business

A. Tombras Group – Mrs. Scism, Account Executive with The Tombras Group, discussed the progress of ad sales for the Beech Mountain Visitor’s Guide. As of the meeting, only about ½ of the cost to design and produce the brochure had been generated from Ad sales. The TDA agreed to allow 2 more weeks for ad sales, and then fund the remaining cost of the brochure. Mr. Burleson requested that Tombras provide the TDA with a budget proposal for the upcoming fiscal year. Rick Miller moved to pay the presented bill from Tombras and upon a second by Mr. Burleson the motion passed unanimously.

B. Cycle North Carolina Event – Gil Adams reported on the status of the cycle North Carolina event.

C. Recreation Center Update – Mr. Boaz reported on the status of operations at the Recreation Center.

D. Fireworks – The TDA agreed to fund fireworks in their upcoming budget. On a motion by Charlie Burlison, seconded by Rick Miller, the TDA agreed to transfer \$1,200 from the sledding hill line item to pay for fireworks for New Year’s eve in the current fiscal year.

E. Sledding Hill Committee – Mr. Brooks reported that the Sledding Hill was closed for the season. There was discussion about further funding for the sledding hill and what additional items might be needed.

VIII. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Mr. Burlison, seconded by Mr. Miller, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Boaz