

VIRGINIA CITY TOURISM COMMISSION (VCTC)

JUNE 9, 2022 10:00 a.m.

Virginia City Conference Center
10 South E Street, Virginia City, NV 89440

MEETING MINUTES

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The following minutes are a summarized explanation of the topics discussed. A taped recording of these proceedings will be kept for review.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson A. Perry called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Rebecca Clark called roll.

Chairperson: A. Perry
Vice Chair: Jay Carmona
Board Members: Angelo Petrini – tardy
Ron Gallagher
Paul Hoyle

R. Clark noted there was a quorum present.

Others: Linda Ritter, Interim Tourism Director
Rebecca Clark, Administrative Assistant
Leah Kruse, Event & Business Development Manager

3. CHAIRPERSON A. PERRY BROUGHT THE NEXT ITEM TO THE COMMISSION'S ATTENTION: PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS *DISCUSSION MAY BE LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER PERSON AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN. NO ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON A MATTER RAISED UNDER HIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA UNTIL THE MATTER ITSELF HAS BEEN SPECIFICALLY INCLUDED ON AN AGENDA AS AN ITEM UPON WHICH ACTION MAY BE TAKEN.*

There was no public comment. Chairperson A. Perry moved to the next item.

4. CHAIRPERSON A. PERRY BROUGHT THE NEXT ITEM TO THE COMMISSION'S ATTENTION: APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THE JUNE 9, 2022 MEETING

L. Ritter requested the board reorder item numbers 7 and 8 to succeed item number 14 on the agenda, as Austin Osborne, County Manager, and Lara Mathers, Emergency Management, were in a meeting.

R. Gallagher made the motion to approve the agenda for the June 9, 2022 meeting, including the adjustment to item numbers 7 and 8 to succeed item number 14.

Second – P. Hoyle

Approved: Unanimously

**5. CHAIRPERSON A. PERRY BROUGHT THE NEXT ITEM TO THE COMMISSION'S ATTENTION:
APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MAY 12, 2022 MEETING**

R. Gallagher made the motion to approve the minutes for the April 14, 2022 meeting.

Second – J. Carmona

Approved – Unanimously

**6. CHAIRPERSON A. PERRY BROUGHT THE NEXT ITEM TO THE COMMISSION'S ATTENTION:
CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE RENEWAL PROPOSAL FROM A AND H INSURANCE
FOR LIABILITY AND PROPERTY INSURANCE THROUGH THE NEVADA PUBLIC AGENCY INSURANCE POOL
(NPAIP).**

L. Ritter stated it was time to renew the insurance policy with A and H Insurance. The premium is increasing.

Kayla Woods, A and H Insurance, stated they are a member-owned group. K. Woods discussed risk management benefits offered through the policy, which were outlined in the packets.

Brad Pierce, A and H Insurance, commented on the 13% premium increase, due to the VCTC's value having gone up 11%, as well as payroll's figures having gone up 13%.

L. Ritter commented it is the same policy as before. She stated her satisfaction regarding the Nevada Public Agency Insurance Pool resources and assistance with the shuttle policy and procedures.

P. Hoyle confirmed this policy was to cover the Visitor Center property, located at 86 S C St.

K. Woods ascertained the policy would cover the Visitor Center, assets, and employee liability.

B. Pierce provided the VCTC's approximate value at \$1,330,000.

J. Carmona made the motion to approve the proposal from A&H Insurance in the amount of \$30,000.

Second – P. Hoyle

Approved – Unanimously

Chairperson A. Perry reminded the commission that agenda numbers 7 and 8 have been postponed to after item number 14.

**9. CHAIRPERSON A. PERRY BROUGHT THE NEXT ITEM TO THE COMMISSION'S ATTENTION:
CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT FOR SERVICES OF INDEPENDENT
CONTRACTOR BETWEEN VIRGINIA CITY TOURISM COMMISSION AND THE ANTOS AGENCY.**

L. Ritter stated the changes in the agreement were negotiated by Deny Dotson, Tourism Director. She informed the board this agreement is for web services and design services.

L. Ritter stated the Antos Agency provides their retainer hours on their invoices.

P. Hoyle asked L. Ritter whether continuing with the Antos Agency was her recommendation. L. Ritter stated it was her recommendation.

Chad, the Antos Agency, felt creative and advertising has been positive while working with RAD Strategies.

R. Gallagher made the motion to approve the contract for services between VCTC and the Antos Agency.

Second – P. Hoyle

Approved – Unanimously

**10. CHAIRPERSON A. PERRY BROUGHT THE NEXT ITEM TO THE COMMISSION'S ATTENTION:
CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A REVISED ORGANIZATION CHART AND STAFFING PLAN
THAT WILL PUT ADDITIONAL EMPHASIS ON VISITOR SERVICES.**

L. Ritter stated the VCTC's former Marketing and Tourism Manager was no longer with the agency.

L. Ritter presented a chart that redelegated order of operations and responsibilities, including: visitor center operations, website content, venue marketing, Facebook merchant page, and grants.

L. Ritter addressed the staffing shortage in the visitor center, especially during the summer months when tourism increases. L. Ritter is looking to add seasonal part-time employees to act as docents in period-dress to assist Liza in the visitor center and/or walk through town to provide information and an authentic experience for visitors.

L. Ritter is also looking to hire a part-time scheduler for Piper's Opera House, as we obtain more venue spaces and interest in bookings.

L. Ritter provided a savings of \$67,546.

Chairperson A. Perry voiced her support of docents in period-dress, and spoke on behalf of the merchants' desire for this too.

P. Hoyle inquired on flexibility on this approval and possible changes future directors may make. L. Ritter assured P. Hoyle this was open to change.

L. Ritter stated the importance of docents for groups and the positive feedback the VCTC receives from this specialized offering.

P. Hoyle asked if these potential hires would be county employees. L. Ritter confirmed they would be county employees and their title would fall under Tourism Assistants.

P. Hoyle made the motion to approve the revised organization chart and staffing plan, with a caveat that this could be temporary and could be adjusted at any time.

Second – A. Petrini Approved – Unanimously

**11. CHAIRPERSON A. PERRY BROUGHT THE NEXT ITEM TO THE COMMISSION'S ATTENTION:
CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET FOR THE 2022 INTERNATIONAL CAMEL RACES.**

Neil Horning, Liquid Blue, stated the ticket prices would be increased by a nominal amount to accommodate the increase in prices with vendors, food, merchandise, advertising, and Camelot rentals. This will result in an increase in the budget by around \$20,000.

P. Hoyle inquired on how much Liquid Blue pays the camel providers, Hendrick's Promotions. N. Horning stated their fee this year will be \$52,500, which increased \$2,500 from 2021.

P. Hoyle inquired whether Liquid Blue pays Hendrick's Promotions annually or if there is a multi-year contract. N. Horning stated we are currently paying annually, with no fixed multi-year contract in place.

Jess Horning, Liquid Blue, stated the importance of maintaining a positive working relationship with Hendrick's Promotions and the possibility of discussing a multi-year contract when they arrive in September.

L. Ritter agreed with the importance of a multi-year agreement, as well as maintaining a positive rapport.

J. Carmona encouraged not pressuring Hendrick's Promotions to commit to a multi-year contract, as the price of gas and goods is unpredictable. He stated maintaining a positive relationship with them was more important.

Chairperson A. Perry stated she is from Kansas and offered to visit with Hendrick's Promotions to maintain visits, which Deny Dotson had previously embarked on.

P. Hoyle inquired on the increase Hendrick's Promotion will charge in 2023. N. Horning stated it would increase by another \$2,500, bringing it to \$55,000.

R. Gallagher made the motion to approve the budget for the 2022 International Camel Races.

Second - A. Petrini Approved – Unanimously

12. CHAIRPERSON A. PERRY BROUGHT THE NEXT ITEM TO THE COMMISSION'S ATTENTION: FINANCIAL UPDATES

L. Ritter informed the board that the Clerk/Treasurer office is still awaiting a breakdown of the Tourism Tax numbers for March.

L. Ritter pointed out that lodging tax is remaining high and surpassed previous years.

13. CHAIRPERSON A. PERRY BROUGHT THE NEXT ITEM TO THE COMMISSION'S ATTENTION: MARKETING UPDATES

Amy Demuth, RAD Strategies, announced Comstock State of Mind music video is out for public viewing.

She mentioned an upcoming billboard out at Tahoe-Reno Industrial Center for Virginia City advertising.

Ms. Demuth shared the Chili on the Comstock marketing material in reviewing various websites, she stated website visitor numbers increased nearly 50% since April, and shared that the top clicks for email marketing were Chili on the Comstock, Stay the Night, and Piper's Opera House Murder Mystery.

Ms. Demuth displayed still shots from Chili on the Comstock interviews that were played on News 4 and KOLO and shared that Cemetery Gin was once again available for purchase in the visitor center.

14. CHAIRPERSON A. PERRY BROUGHT THE NEXT ITEM TO THE COMMISSION'S ATTENTION: SPECIAL EVENTS UPDATE

N. Horning updated the commission on Chili on the Comstock. Approximately 2,100 people purchased ticket packages. This year, Chili on the Comstock amassed \$88,517.

Christine Verrier, Liquid Blue, shared the merchants' feedback regarding positive sales and revenues.

J. Horning shared there was not as large of a chili shortage compared to past years.

P. Hoyle voiced merchant feedback regarding lack of traffic on the south end of town. N. Horning responded by stating issues with street closures further south due to the Post Office.

L. Kruse spoke of the Memorial Day Parade.

P. Hoyle inquired as to why the VCTC does not hold the Memorial Day Parade on Memorial Day. L. Kruse had no reasoning besides status-quo. She is willing to look at changing it to the actual day next year. J. Carmona offered a reasoning of not competing with Carson City's Memorial Day Parade.

L. Kruse discussed the Street Vibrations Spring Rally. She commented on the issue with cones not going out due to a miscommunication with the VCTC office and the Road Show vendor.

P. Hoyle commented the streets seemed quiet and that there was not a large amount of participation. A. Petrini speculated on economic conditions. J. Carmona mentioned poor weather conditions as another deterrent.

L. Kruse mentioned 4th of July. The parade applications are steadily coming in. As of June 2nd, the VCTC had raised \$6,550 in firework donations, with donations arriving daily.

7. CHAIRPERSON A. PERRY BROUGHT THE NEXT ITEM TO THE COMMISSION'S ATTENTION: CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL TO DONATE THE LOT LOCATED AT 131 SOUTH C STREET, APN 00107405, TO STOREY COUNTY. STOREY COUNTY WILL CREATE A PARK THAT WILL REPLACE THE LAND TRANSFERRED TO THE COMMUNITY CHEST WHERE THEIR LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTER ARE LOCATED.

Lara Mather, Emergency Management, explained Storey County was granted funds from the National Parks Service to have upgrades made to Miner's Park. When the grant was issued, it covered the entire block – the pool, the park,

the Community Chest, the ballpark, and the senior center. Part of the requirements for the grant was to have a permanent conveyance on that property, meaning it is permanently restricted to be owned by Storey County and that it is to be used for specific reasons and/or programs. The Community Chest agreed to pay Storey County in exchange for building on that property, however, many foundations frown upon non-profits not owning the property they are building on. At this time, these foundations will no longer donate to the Community Chest if this is the arrangement.

L. Mather is currently working with the State and National Park Service to come up with a solution. They have determined a land-swap would be a beneficial compromise. The parcel up for consideration would need to follow very strict guidelines set by the Park Service, such as a public access space that would benefit locals and tourists alike. The lot for consideration would be an ideal location, with its location being in the middle of town, and between the stairs leading down to the train.

A. Petrini inquired about the status of the train car. L. Mather assured A. Petrini she has written approval from the Park Service that the train car could stay.

A. Petrini confirmed this designated park would be located on the left-hand side when going down the stairs. L. Mather confirmed this to be correct. She is hoping to have a tiered design that would accommodate the slope it sits on.

L. Mather also addressed the issue with lack of bathrooms in town. Future consideration of bathrooms in that space is definitely a possibility. As for now, a space where people could sit and rest is the first step.

P. Hoyle asked L. Mather the likelihood of the Park Service approving that location. L. Mather felt very confident in their acceptance.

R. Gallagher felt a park would enhance that area and the visitor's experience.

Chairperson A. Perry referenced the agenda summary, which included suggestions for ways to use said property from the Virginia City Tourism Commission's (VCTC) perspective to support tourism in some way. Though the VCTC would be relinquishing the land, the VCTC would still benefit from the park. Chairperson A. Perry would like the VCTC to maintain some input on what the property will end up being.

L. Mather stated the Park Service will somewhat dictate what we put on the property. It was important to the Park Service that the parcel not only be used for tourism, but to benefit the community.

P. Hoyle inquired if the VCTC ever had plans to build a new visitor center on the intended parcel.

R. Gallagher was not aware of any concrete plans for a building.

P. Hoyle wanted to confirm there would be a permanent conveyance that this parcel remains a park or open space. L. Mather could confirm that this land-swap would carry over the permanent conveyance. She did clarify, however, that there was a possibility that there could be a future land-swap if the State Park approves it again.

P. Hoyle inquired on the cost of developing the park and whether that would fall under Storey County. L. Mather confirmed that Storey County and the Community Chest would be financially responsible.

P. Hoyle asked if the staircase was part of the lot. L. Mather believed the lot lines do encompass the stairs.

L. Mather wanted to reiterate that though bathrooms are a great idea, that they are a future idea.

P. Hoyle inquired about using the park for vendor use during events. L. Mather did not see a reason why that could not be considered.

L. Ritter did clarify that the V&T ticket sales could continue there. L. Mather expanded on that by saying the only requirements for that was for the train car to stay as the theme of the park.

Tom Gray, Virginia Truckee Railroad, felt extra bathrooms were needed. He went on to explain how the train car was originally thought to be used for the Chamber of Commerce for meetings and eventually became the unofficial visitor center before the current visitor center location today.

L. Mather clarified that Storey County would own the property. The Park Service would only have the conveyance over it.

P. Hoyle inquired about an appraisal. L. Mather said there would be an appraisal done, but the appraisal would

depend on whether the parcel is donated or bought.

Chairperson A. Perry clarified the motion the board is being asked to approve. The VCTC is being asked to donate the property and giving it to Storey County to develop.

A. Petrini added a caveat that the train car remains at its current location. L. Mather reiterated that the Park Service had no issue with the train car staying.

Chairperson A. Perry cautioned the board away from adding such a caveat, seeing as how the state and condition of the train car was unpredictable in future years.

L. Mather agreed the stipulation may cause complications in the future.

P. Hoyle asked if this was the only parcel that has been considered as an option. L. Mather stated there were other parcels considered, but issues such as some being privately owned, or unideal locations made this parcel the most desirable.

P. Hoyle stated his concerns on losing the land for any future VCTC development.

L. Ritter felt that land wasn't feasible for a building.

Chairperson A. Perry stated the Black and Howell lot had been the initial intention for any future visitor center. A. Perry confirmed the VCTC currently owns the Black and Howell lot.

P. Hoyle wanted clarification on why building on the proposed donated parcel would be any more cost prohibitive than building on the Black and Howell lot.

R. Gallagher felt the proposed lot was not large enough to support a new visitor center.

L. Ritter also stated there is an issue with access to the Firemen's Museum that goes across that lot.

Austin Osborne, County Manager, confirmed that the VCTC does own the Black and Howell lot.

A. Petrini asked A. Osborne his thoughts on turning the proposed lot into a park.

A. Osborne agreed the other considered parcels did not work and that this proposed site is the most ideal. He also mentioned in writing the Storey County Master Plan in 2016, that "pocket parks" were part of the future goals for the town. This proposed parcel would fit in perfectly with the master plan.

A. Osborne did mention some assessment work having been done for placing bathrooms next to the District Attorney's office in a sliver parcel.

A. Osborne also stated the county has full intentions of keeping the train car.

P. Hoyle addressed his concerns about a lack of parcel or financial exchange for the donation of the proposed parcel.

J. Carmona countered we receive comptroller and district attorney services that the VCTC is not billed for.

P. Hoyle stated the exchange for services is a different topic than monetary gain.

L. Ritter had the same thoughts as P. Hoyle initially, but then focused on the goal of the VCTC, which is to provide a service for visitors. A park would contribute to that goal.

L. Mather clarified that if the property is donated to the county, the appraisal is done, and then an exchange or repayment is requested, that she would like to rethink the process. L. Mather is not authorized to make an agreement.

P. Hoyle asked who is authorized to make that agreement. L. Mather thinks it is a matter that would have to go before the county commission.

A. Osborne stated Storey County will be the ones maintaining the park and it will be more of a financial burden to the county and more of an asset to the VCTC.

A. Petrini emphasized the importance of the train car remaining, however, did concede that there should not be a caveat in the agreement about it. He did not want the county to be responsible for the train car in, say, one hundred years, should it begin to deteriorate.

Chairperson A. Perry suggested the possibility of adding a request that the VCTC be involved in any discussion involving the train car in the future.

L. Mather stated the Community Chest has provided a great deal of assistance to the community and this trade was a way of assisting them, the county, and the VCTC.

Marney Hansen-Martinez, Recorder's Office, shared the lot is 37 feet deep and was deeded from the school board of trustees to the county in 1992.

P. Hoyle would like an in-kind exchange based on the appraisal value. P. Hoyle does not want to hold up the development of a park, an idea he likes, but also wants an equal exchange.

L. Mather shared that restrictions and conditions makes receiving federal grants much more challenging and she encouraged the board to remove stipulations. L. Mather strongly believes the Park Service will not accept conditions.

L. Ritter confirmed that, should the board wish to make an exchange, this item would have to be put back on the agenda as a purchase because it is no longer a donation.

Keith Loomis, District Attorney, reminded the board that the board is working on behalf of the county's best interests.

J. Carmona stated the VCTC does operate on taxpayer dollars, so it is part of the overall government agency. J. Carmona made a motion to donate the land as suggested, with no restrictions.

J. Carmona verified with L. Mather that it would be an easier process with no conditions. L. Mather stated it would be an easier and quicker process.

J. Carmona made the motion to approve the donation of the land.

Second – R. Gallagher

Opposed – P. Hoyle

**8. CHAIRPERSON A. PERRY BROUGHT THE NEXT ITEM TO THE COMMISSION'S ATTENTION:
CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR MANAGEMENT AND
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BETWEEN THE VIRGINIA CITY TOURISM COMMISSION AND STOREY COUNTY.**

L. Ritter has been with the VCTC for 3 months now and has utilized several of the services, including human resources, IT, accounting, and the district attorney.

L. Ritter stated it was the Virginia City Tourism Commission's responsibility to plan, implement, and oversee all tourism-related efforts in Virginia City. The VCTC also oversees collection of lodging in Storey County; prepares and approves their own budget; approve their audits; and are responsible for the purchase of goods and services. Storey County provides accounting services, human resources services, IT services, a space for meetings, and assist with event preparations, such as reader boards. Storey County also provides the VCTC with legal counsel and the district attorney's office.

L. Ritter shared that this is a five-year agreement between the VCTC and Storey County. It can be extended an additional five years, but either party can cancel with 60 days' notice.

L. Ritter suggested the VCTC also come to an agreement with Storey County on County owned venue spaces but proposed that wait for another agenda.

P. Hoyle questioned whether venue management and venue marketing ought to go together with this agreement. L. Ritter replied by saying this agreement has more to do with the administrative side of the VCTC, than the marketing and the event side. L. Ritter did offer to make a new agreement that combined the two at a later date, if the board would prefer it that way.

L. Ritter did iterate that Piper's Opera House has its own budget, from which Piper employees are paid out of.

R. Gallagher questioned if the new Virginia City Freight Depot, or any County-owned location, will be managed by the VCTC or Storey County.

Chairperson A. Perry suggested seeing the administrative agreement and the venue agreement together. Chairperson A. Perry did not feel it outlined what VCTC's responsibilities are, outside of the tourism mission statement.

R. Gallagher requested the board take some time to look over the agreement again.

P. Hoyle mentioned possibly looking into how other visitor commissions are operated and their county agreements.

Chairperson A. Perry agreed that more time, or even a special meeting, could be beneficial.

P. Hoyle questioned whether the Tourism Director should be considered in this discussion, as well.

R. Gallagher seconded this suggestion. R. Gallagher felt Deny Dotson's, Tourism Manager, would be helpful.

J. Carmona agreed with more time for the board to think this agreement over. J. Carmona feels it is the board's responsibility to construct rules, regulations, and guidance for whomever the tourism director is.
R. Gallagher agreed with the Board's responsibilities, however, he felt D. Dotson's ten years of experience was invaluable.

Chairperson A. Perry emphasized the risks the Board is possibly taking by not agreeing to the county's service agreement.

J. Carmona clarified that the items in the agreement were already taking place before, but is now just being brought to the Board's attention.

P. Hoyle questioned if all county services were free to the VCTC now. L. Ritter confirmed they are.

A. Osborne agreed with J. Carmona on the importance of bringing clarity to the individual entities' responsibilities.

L. Ritter stated the Board would hold a special meeting at a later date.

R. Gallagher made a motion for the consideration and possible approval of the interlocal agreement to be discussed another date.

Second – A. Petrini

Approved – Unanimously

15. CHAIRPERSON A. PERRY BROUGHT THE NEXT ITEM TO THE COMMISSION'S ATTENTION: BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

L. Ritter announced Leah Kruse was sent to the Virginia City Train Depot to assist with the Storey County BBQ.

L. Ritter discussed groups that came in May, including the US Navy Cruiser Sailors Association, St. Teresa of Avila school, and the Korean Southern Baptists.

L. Ritter then discussed upcoming conferences, including Nevada State Firefighters Association (NFSA); Nevada Association of Counties (NACO); ParaCon; and Nevada Museums Association Conference (NMA).

L. Ritter shared upcoming Piper's Opera House events, such as BINGO and Country Dancing. Piper's tours brought in 30 visitors and a revenue of \$150.

L. Ritter reminded the Board of the upcoming Storey County BBQ on Friday, June 10th at 5:30 pm at the Virginia City Freight Depot. Ribbon cutting will take place at 6:00.

16. CHAIRPERSON A. PERRY BROUGHT THE NEXT ITEM TO THE COMMISSION'S ATTENTION: NON-PROFIT ALLIANCE UPDATE

Chairperson A. Perry stated the 4th Ward School was having their annual Kid's Fair on Saturday. St. Mary's Art Center would also be in attendance to offer activities.

Chairperson A. Perry also shared Saturday in the Park taking place at Miner's Park, offering BBQ and music for locals.

Chairperson A. Perry stated that on June 30th, St. Mary's will host Canvas and Cocktails. Art and Music On the Lawn will be July 16th. And an intimate 4th of July firework spectacular will be held.

R. Gallagher announced 4th Ward School will host their open house on 4th of July.

17. CHAIRPERSON A. PERRY BROUGHT THE NEXT ITEM TO THE COMMISSION'S ATTENTION: STAFF REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE & FUTURE MEETINGS

L. Ritter shared a bar graph depicting the inclining occupancy rate in Virginia City, as well as the inclining lodging tax. Food and drink sales tax dropped a marginal amount in March, as did retail. Traffic counts dropped slightly in April.

L. Ritter also intends to show traffic counts over the months.

A. Petrini inquired how traffic counts are calculated. L. Ritter stated Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) provides a count. A. Petrini wanted to know how NDOT differentiates between tourists and locals. L. Ritter explained the native count should remain consistent over time and only the tourism count should have a range.

L. Ritter was excited to share that Cemetery Gin is back in stock and back for sale! Comstock Distillers are the distillers. NV Distributors are the distributors. The price did increase.

R. Clark shared pictures of Virginia City from the 1960s that was sent in from a visitor.

R. Clark announced the next VCTC meeting would be held July 14th.

18. CHAIRPERSON A. PERRY BROUGHT THE NEXT ITEM TO THE COMMISSION'S ATTENTION: PUBLIC COMMENT

T. Gray shared his pleasure with the work the VCTC has been doing. He is looking for contacts during large special events.

L. Ritter commented the VCTC will be meeting with merchants and vendors in the upcoming months.

T. Gray inquired about the shuttle bus the VCTC purchased for transportation. The V&T Railroad could greatly benefit from transportation options, and he offered to sit on a committee to sort this out.

L. Ritter responded by bringing up the ADA Compliance concerns and insurance options. There is an option that the VCTC offer a small ADA van when requested and an alliance with the Senior Center could be a possibility. L. Ritter strongly encouraged any private parties to assist in transportation. R. Gallagher stated a private party has been considered in the past, but the VCTC has yet to find an interested party.

19. CHAIRPERSON A. PERRY BROUGHT THE NEXT ITEM TO THE COMMISSION'S ATTENTION: ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson A. Perry adjourned the meeting at 1:09 pm.