

# Central Pacific Chamber of Commerce

## 10/04/07 Meeting Agenda

Central Pacific Chamber of Commerce Office is in the Pacific Center across from Cable Tica. The office hours are 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday-Friday. The telephone is 643-2853.

**Membership**– The membership committee has developed a target list of individuals, companies and recommendations for giving and is approaching them about joining the chamber. The Application and Fee Schedule has been set and is on the website. The Decal Stickers are ready for members.

**Projects** We have developed a list of foreseen projects with descriptions and budgets and identified persons who have already invested time and effort in these projects. Following please find an update on areas we have been focusing upon.

- **Safety, Security and Tourist Assistance:** The Chamber of Commerce has been assisting the municipality in directing focus on security. Currently, there exists Fuerza Publica, Tourist Police and OIJ. We have been involved with several private meetings and advising them on what the community wants and needs. Today, we coordinated a meeting with the Minister of Security, Fernando Berrocal, the City Council, the Mayor and the Chamber of Commerce. The focus was on how to direct more funds and resources here to make police accountable. We are continuing to help support the tourist police and we are researching the implementation of a municipal police force. We are looking for volunteers to teach these authorities English. If you have time available, please let us know.
- **Beach cleaning:** The first piece has arrived in Jaco. The second piece is in the country. Paperwork has been filed by the Mayor at Hacienda in Puntarenas to release the machine. We are currently in search of a tractor and trailer to operate this equipment. The Chamber is hoping to integrate Amigos de la Playa into the new Beach Cleaning crew as they have been responsible for cleaning a few areas of the beach by hand for the last few years. We are also coordinating the implementation of new trash cans, signs, recycle centers and lifeguards on the beach.
- **Road Repair:** The Chamber of Commerce is working together with the municipality to repair the road from the bridge down to club del mar. Workers have been cleaning off the road and preparing for pavement this week. We expect this project to be finished by the end of April.
- **Plan Regulador:** The Municipality is working on a new city plan governing zoning and regulations for Jaco. It is expected that this plan will be ready by year end and in effect. A special Plano Regulador Commission Committee has been established and we secured a spot on the commission to help offer planning advice for roads, emergencies, water treatment systems, electric systems, parking, zoning and heights.
- **Schools:** The Chamber of Commerce has begun a pilot program with Glenn at Books & Stuff to help supply lesson plan books for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders in the local school system. We obtained a list of schools who are experiencing great need and we are in the process of contacting them and seeing what supplies are needed.

**Second Mixer / Pastoral Association Fundraiser was a success:** The second Mixer held in conjunction with the Pastoral Association from Iglesia Inmaculada was successful. Over 100 people were in attendance. We collected over 500 food articles, over 400 pieces of clothing and 150 personal items to be distributed to needy families in Garabito. We helped distribute the food items two weeks ago and there is a great need for food for these families. We will be continuing to collect food, clothing and personal items for this organization. Donations are welcome at our office. Extra special thanks to El Hicaco, El Bohio Bar and Bestwestern for providing food, drinks and space. **We are currently in the planning stages of our next mixer and will keep you updated.**

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