

MINUTES OF THE SVPOA GENERAL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 19, 2018

President Doug Palmer called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM / Adjourned at 4:00 PM

President's welcome (Doug Palmer)

- Welcome new members
- Remember to pay your 2019 dues by October 1
- Upcoming events
 - September 25: Going Away Party at the Country Club
 - Last pancake breakfast is October 6; Luke Fogarty needs volunteers to set up on October 5
 - City Council candidates forum is planned for October; details to be announced

Directories (Grace Guess)

- 2018-19 member directories are available from Grace (863-640-9777) and at the City Visitor Center on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. every day except Tuesday 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contact Linda Sloope 706-746-0005.
- Additional directories are \$5 each

Julep Farms – Rick Weaver

Rick is from a family of chefs in New Orleans; his wife Lauren is from Perry, GA, and her father is a farmer. They sold their French Market restaurant in Locust Grove, GA, to move to the mountains. They are building Julep Farms the old Dillard horse pasture on Highway 246 as a place to eat, drink, shop, and stay.

They plan to build cottages on six acres in three sizes – 650, 800, and 1,200 square feet – that they hope to open this fall. There will be a total of 20 bedrooms when all the cottages are completed. The cottages will rent for approximately \$330 to \$400 per night.

The smaller barn near the silo has 4,000 square feet and will be an event venue with outdoor seating by a fire pit. There also will be a 10,000 square-foot barn with a restaurant, gift shop, and upstairs rental apartment. They hope to open the restaurant in May.

The restaurant will have 100 seats; the event center will seat 200; and the fire pit area will seat up to 100. There also will be a small barn for chickens, goats and mini-cows; and a roadside farmers market near the entrance.

The restaurant will serve brunch, lunch, and dinner five days a week during tourist season with a full bar. They will have a raised-bed garden to grow vegetables and herbs; and plan to offer cooking classes, an interactive farm experience, and a Mardi Gras masquerade ball. They plan to install turn lanes at the entrance to manage traffic.

More information is online: **www.julep.farm**

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Dalhouse Curtis, secretary