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Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes

Scappoose City Hall, 33568 E Columbia Ave., Scappoose, OR 97056

March 21, 2019, 12:00 – 12:25 pm

Attendees:

Susie Wilson, Christine Collins, Alex Tardif, Scott Burge, George Hafeman, Brady Preheim, Michael Sykes, Laurie Oliver, Alex Rains, Huell White, Jeff Weiss, Larry Ericksen

Absent:

Phil Griffin, Brian Rosenthal, Len Waggoner, Marty Baldwin

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order at 12:10 by Vice Committee Chair Christine Collins.
 - 1.1 Introductions – none.
 - 1.2 Meeting minutes from January 22nd, 2019.
 - 1.3 Citizen Communication – none.

2. **New Business**

Events Sub-Committee – Brady Preheim, Susie Wilson, Jeff Weiss, Christine Collins and Alex Tardif volunteered to participate on an events sub-committee.

Meet and Greet with Bill Blank – Community Club Vice Chair Bill Blank, standing in for Angela Hammond, came to meet the Committee and create a line of communication with the events sub-committee. Bill began by noting that the Council's Community Club Liaison is Brandon Lesowski and that he has been very reliable about attending meetings and serving as the connection between the Community Club and City. Bill then provided some background on the Community Club itself, he noted that it had been around for a long time and used to organize the Sauerkraut Festival, although that's since been discontinued due to low membership and volunteerism. The Farmers Market is starting on May 18th and will continue through September 28th, 2019. There will be several regular vendors and good. Bill mentioned that the Community Club hoped to receive some financial assistance from the City for music at these events. Bill noted that the Farmers Market can be an important tool for economic development, vendors can "get their feet wet" and see if what they have will sell. If they are successful, that can lead to a brick and mortar establishment. He went on to detail some of the events Community Club is still involved in, such as the annual Clean Up Day and Christmas lights. There is a desire to expand the Christmas Lights.



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General Discussion – the Committee discussed throwing a Heritage Festival of sorts as a possible “signature” event. This could still include sauerkraut as a reminder of the City’s heritage.

To wrap up, Michael Sykes distributed a copy of Council’s adopted goal list for 2019-2020.

3. Announcements and Next Meetings

- April 18th, 2019 – Third TAC Meeting (final session)
- May 16th, 2019
- **Wednesday**, June 19th, 2019 – OMIC Tour

4. Meeting Adjourned at 12:25 – Committee then headed to Oregon Aero for a tour of their facility.