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Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes

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

October 17, 2019 12:00 – 1:30 pm

Attendees:

Len Waggoner, Jeff Weiss, Susie Wilson, Brady Preheim, Jeannet Santiago, Michael Sykes, Christine Turner, Alex Tardif

Absent:

Phil Griffin, Scott Burge, Brian Rosenthal, Marty Baldwin, Larry Ericksen, Laurie Oliver

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order at 12:15pm by Chair Len Waggoner.

Len Waggoner led a Committee wide thank you to Susie Wilson for putting together the Sauerkraut Festival. Alex Tardif asked who would run it in the future and Brady Preheim said that the Community Club posted on their website that they are looking for a professional event planner for future years.

1.1 Introductions – none.

1.2 Meeting minutes from August 15th session approved unanimously.

1.3 Citizen Communication – none.

2. **New Business**

2.1 Events Sub-Committee Debrief on Sauerkraut Festival:

Susie began by saying that the Festival was very successful and well attended. She then noted that there were still questions regarding who would run it in the future, she said it was somewhat difficult to work with the Community Club simply because they didn't want to run the event due to lack of volunteers etc. Susie passed out copies of the Festival budget and noted the issue that happened with Don's Rental and the dunk tanks which didn't work properly. She noted that Don's maintenance team was sent to make repairs but that they were unable to fix them and charged the event each time they drove to the park, even though they never fixed anything. Len Waggoner noted that he had drafted a letter to Don's Rental asking that the entire invoice be forgiven considering the condition of the dunk tanks, the letter was then sent to the Community Club who hadn't yet decided whether or not the language was "too nasty" to send to Don's Rental. Susie then presented a check to the City for \$401.75 that was raised by participation in the Dunk Tank activity for the purchase of park picnic tables. At that point, Brady noted that the cabbage bowling activity was a lot of work. Len then mentioned that he thought whoever would be in charge of booking the event next year should start



reserving bouncy houses now, however, Susie discouraged that because the event insurance for bouncy houses is really expensive and that they kill the grass they sit on. She wrapped up by noting that everyone loved the art truck.

General Discussion: The Committee discussed the attendance of the members and liaisons. The Committee voted to remove Chuck Daughtry as the CCET Liaison and requested that Alex Rains reach out to CCET and request a new liaison who would be available to attend meetings regularly. Additionally, the Committee requested the addition of a PUD Liaison and a Chamber Liaison, Alex Rains said she would contact those two organizations and request someone to attend the EDC meetings moving forward as a Liaison.

2.2 EDC Team Agreement

Alex Rains pointed out the draft Team Agreement included in the Committee's packets and mentioned that Council, Planning Commission and the Parks Committee have all signed a similar agreement. They help to lay out the rules of engagement, so to speak, and expectations of the Committee. The Team Agreement was adopted unanimously.

2.3 Elect Chair and Vice Chair

The EDC elects a Chair and Vice Chair once per year. Susie Wilson nominated Jeannet Santiago for Chair of the Committee and Christine nominated Len Waggoner. Jeannet received three votes and was elected the new Chair of the Committee. Len Waggoner was nominated for Vice Chair and voted un unanimously.

2.4 Updates

County – Alex Tardif began by saying that County is working on their Strategic Plan and a livestock nuisance ordinance.

City – Michael Sykes began by noting that PCC is planning to use eminent domain to pursue purchase of the property located off of Wagner Court. They will seize the property if an agreement can't be reached. He added that PCC had spent \$400,000 getting ready to develop the site prior to the sale falling through. Michael then noted that Perry Technical Institute had met with the Port and other overlapping taxing jurisdictions at OMIC to discuss the possibility of adding a campus in Columbia County, they are looking closely at the McNulty Creek site. Since the meeting was hosted at OMIC, a PCC employee was aware the meeting was taking place and overheard some of the content which wasn't favorable towards PCC. Michael noted that in all of the City's communication with PCC they had stressed that they still wanted PCC to locate in Scappoose, despite Chuck Daughtry suggesting they consider a site in St. Helens. Michael mentioned that they had dropped off their building plans and pulled permits. Michael then said that eminent domain can be very aggressive, PCC could take ownership quickly. Michael the made note of the recruitment leads the City had been involved with pursuing including Project Grand Prix, Project Elva and Project Bathurst, all of which might still be in play. He noted that these leads used to only go to CCET but now come to the City as well, and City Staff has made it



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clear to CCET that they expect to be at the table when leads for Scappoose are received. Michael wrapped up the City update by mentioning the stop work order that was issued by the Fire Marshal for the Columbia Avenue Project being complete by Tapani – he said that Tapani hadn't provided sufficient notice to the neighborhood or a satisfactory traffic control plan to the City in order to close Columbia Ave. The stop work order detailed several action items that Tapani would need to complete before resuming work, including hosting an open house on the 29th.

2.5 December Meeting

The Committee opted to keep their meeting on December 19th despite the proximity to Christmas, they said they would be available to attend.

3. Announcements and Next Meetings

- November 21st, 2019
- December 19th, 2019

4. Meeting Adjourned at 1:30pm.