



Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes

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

July 16, 2020 12:00 Noon – 1:30 pm

***Majority of members attending via conference call**

Attendees:

Jeannet Santiago, Len Waggoner, Brian Rosenthal, Marty Baldwin, Alex Tardif, Jeff Weiss, Michael Sykes, Christine Collins, Brady Preheim, Susie Wilson, Michael Leipzig, Paul Vogel, Alex Rains, Huell White

Absent:

Phil Griffin, Scott Burge, Larry Ericksen, Laurie Oliver, George Hafeman, Heidi Ralls

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:07 by Chair Jeannet Santiago. Jeannet also took roll call of those in attendance as most members were joining via conference call.

1.1 Introductions

Jeannet asked Michael Leipzig to introduce himself.

1.2 Meeting minutes

Brian motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Susie. The June 18th meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

1.3 Citizen Communication

None

2. New Business

2.1 Elect Chair and Vice-Chair

Christine nominated Brian Rosenthal for Chair, which was seconded by Susie. Brian was unanimously elected Chair.

Yes: Len, Marty, Jeanette, Brady, Susie, Christine

No: None

Abstained: Brian

Christine nominated Len Waggoner, which was seconded by Susie. Len unanimously elected Vice-Chair.



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Yes: Brian, Marty, Jeanette, Brady, Susie, Christine

No: None

Abstained: Len

Following the election, Len made a motion to remove Phil Griffin for lack of attendance. Christine seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. A letter shall be prepared for the City Council recommending as such.

2.2 Upcoming Term Expirations – August 2020

Brady, Len, and George all have terms expiring in August. Len and George have informed the Mayor that they are interested in continuing to serve. Brady stated that this will be his last meeting.

2.3 Renew Team Agreement

2020-2021 EDC Team Agreement passed unanimously.

2.4 Updates – County, City, Port, CRPUD, Chamber

Several members raised the topic of the letter from CCET. Brady expressed confusion as to the letter. Paul Vogel discussed the process of accepting new members on to the new CCET Board and membership fees. Paul suggested having a member of the Committee join CCET *as a member* and then apply to serve on the board. The City of Scappoose does have an official serving on CCET's board. Christine mentioned that the Committee also represents the City.

Brady recommended that this Committee pay the fee to have a member other than the Mayor represent Scappoose on CCET. Susie seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Brian did, however, mention that it seems the core issue is that CCET is not quite representative of Scappoose and that having a member on that board would be advantageous to Scappoose.

County Update – Alex Tardif stated that the Commissioners' primary focus is on the pandemic. The County has started several grant programs and received \$1.5 million in CARES funds from the State of Oregon to assist the community. The Commissioners are also focused on broadband access and urged anyone interested to reach out to the Commission or the County IT Director.

City Update – Alex Rains discussed the CZ Road Extension, the Ed Freeman agreement, and RSIS program updates. PCC's construction is well underway. The City has: applied for a deep water well, initiated upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment Plant, received and commented on the conceptual plan for the Veterans' Park Extension (recent Grabhorn property acquisition), and had an inquiry meeting with Len Waggoner and Dave Maloney.



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CCET Update – Paul discussed CCET’s industrial recruitment effort. CCET was notified that Columbia County did not make the cut for one of the industrial leads but is still under consideration for four large manufacturing projects that are pending. CCET has asked Greater Portland Inc. for a debrief. A commercial baking operation with potential for retail is interested in locating in the County – Susie Wilson worked with Paul to get information out to the client.

Paul discussed CCET’s Emergency Small Business Program which was funded with \$250,000. 60 applications were received and recommendations will be made during the week of July 20th. The State also needs to approve those recommendations. The State Legislature has approved additional funding (to be overseen by the Cultural Commission) to venues – CCET specifically lobbied for a focus on small venues in rural communities. This funding source would be \$5 million available for applicants from around the state. This new program will not be restrictive, insofar that CARES recipients may still apply.

Lastly, a television film group is looking for industrial filming locations, which could include production offices. Paul is collaborating with the Chamber and City of St. Helens. The filming would occur in multiple locations around the County. Len has a contact that has done movie siting in the past and will connect Paul with him.

3. Announcements and Next Meetings

- August 20, 2020
- September 17, 2020
- October 15, 2020

4. Meeting Adjourned at 12:48 pm.