



Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes

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

May 18, 2017 from 12 Noon – 1:30pm

Attendees:

Len Waggoner, Brian Rosenthal, Brady Preheim, Christine Prockish, Natalie Sanders, Libby Calnon, Larry Ericksen, Phil Griffin, Carmen Kulp, Mayor Scott Burge, City Manager Michael Sykes, Program Analyst & Recording Secretary Alexandra Rains

Absent:

Alex Tardif, George Hafeman, Chuck Daughtry

1. CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order at 12:15 by Committee Chair Len Waggoner

2. No Introductions

3. Approved Meeting Minutes from April 21st session

4. No Citizen Communications

5. New Business:

- Update for the Port of St. Helens
 - Larry Ericksen discussed ongoing activity at the Port. They are interviewing applicants for Executive Port Director and there will be an opportunity for the Public to meet the candidates on June 11th. Details will be provided at a later time. The Port has allocated \$2.6 million dollars for capital improvements to the Scappoose Air Park and surrounding area. The improvements will include infrastructure, a spec building, etc.
- Update for PCC
 - Gregg Meyer provided the update for PCC. A tentative MOU between PCC and the Scappoose School District has been completed. The agreement is currently considered tentative because no manufacturers have signed on as of yet. The



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School District has committed space for the program and the “student pipeline.” PCC is providing curriculum, staff and equipment. The hope is to spark interest in manufacturing careers among young, school age children. The five major components of the program will include, CNC machines, Megatronics, digital fabrication, computer lab and skills training for incumbent workers.

- Additionally, PCC is trying to encourage local manufacturers to participate in apprenticeship programs with manufacturers. The state currently has \$3 million in grant funds to help incentivize participation of businesses by offering \$10,000 per apprentice (these funds cannot be used to cover the apprentice’s salary). Apprentices can be new or incumbent workers. For High School students, juniors and seniors may participate in the internship program.
- Gregg and the other Committee members discussed the benefit of co-hosting a meeting with the School District, PCC and the Chamber of Commerce and inviting local manufacturers to discuss this education and apprenticeship program. This meeting is tentatively scheduled for the next EDC meeting time, June 15, 2017.
- The Committee completed a SWOT Analysis on Urban Renewal

6. Next Meeting

- June 15, 2017 – meeting with local manufacturers from 11:00 am – 1:30 pm
- July 17, 2017 – tentatively scheduled joint work session with City Council for Urban Renewal Presentation by Dan Riordan, Senior City Planner for Forest Grove

7. Meeting Adjourned at 1:35 pm