



Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes

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

June 15, 2017 from 12 Noon – 1:30pm

Attendees:

Len Waggoner, Brian Rosenthal, Brady Preheim, Larry Ericksen, Phil Griffin, Carmen Kulp, George Hafeman, Commissioner Alex Tardif, City Planner Laurie Oliver, RARE Participant Ben Tolles, Shawna Sykes, City Manager Michael Sykes, Program Analyst & Recording Secretary Alexandra Rains

Absent:

Natalie Sanders, Libby Calnon, Mayor Scott Burge, Christine Prockish, Chuck Daughtry

1. CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order at 12:10 by Committee Chair Len Waggoner

2. No Introductions

3. Approved Meeting Minutes from May 18th session

4. No Citizen Communications

5. New Business:

- Update for Columbia County
 - Alex Tardif reported that the County is hiring a new Public Health Administrator and that they will be submitting a TGM Grant to complete a study of an alternate route around Scappoose.
- Update for the Port of St. Helens
 - Larry Ericksen discussed ongoing activity at the Port including the recent hiring of Douglas Hayes to the position of Port Director and \$90,000 worth of investments in the Scappoose Airpark for water and sewer infrastructure. Additionally, he mentioned that the Port is preparing land and considering building a spec building and, finally, that the City had recently visited the commission to discuss rail safety in Scappoose and the potential to build a path



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and fence to keep citizens off of the tracks. This was well received by the Port Commission.

- Update for the City of Scappoose
 - Michael Sykes noted that the City would be bidding the West Lane Road Project the following day, 6/16, for construction. He also mentioned that the City submitted a response to the Project Pearson RFI, that the Seely Lane Park Grant was awarded and that the City continues to support OMIC and PCC wherever possible. City Planner Laurie Oliver also mentioned that the application for the annexation of the OMIC site was recently deemed complete, and that it would come before Planning Commission on July 27th. She also touched briefly on the east side of the airport subdivision project.
- Update from Shawna Sykes, Oregon Employment Department Research Division
 - Shawna mentioned that unemployment for Columbia County is very low, it's been difficult to find workers to fill 136 current job openings.
- Update for PCC and Report on Meeting with Local Manufacturers
 - Gregg Meyer delivered this update. First, he discussed the fact that the meeting that was tentatively set at the last Economic Development Committee meeting to host local manufacturers had been postponed to allow him time to meet with various manufacturers one on one. A larger follow up meeting is set to take place at Scappoose High School on July 6th from 9 am – 11 am with 10 local manufacturers. Anyone from the Committee who is interested may attend.
 - Gregg also mentioned that there will be a tour of the Interim Facility at Scappoose High on July 20th at 2 pm. Committee members are also welcome to attend this meeting.
 - PCC is working on an IGA to “back up” the MOU between PCC and the School District before they start purchasing equipment for the educational program.
 - PCC is considering other sites aside from the east side of the airport because of probable delays in development due to wetlands found on the site. The west side of the airport has property available that could be developed immediately.



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- Gregg provided some additional detail on the “training pipelines” in the education program with Scappoose High School, two classes would be offered during the day and one after 3:45 in the afternoon. These courses will provide students with college credit.
- Len Waggoner announced that a grand opening for Heritage Park was tentatively scheduled for mid August.
- The Committee voted on the SWOT Analysis on Urban Renewal that was completed at the previous meeting.

6. Next Meeting

- 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 1:45 pm