



## **Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes**

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

**November 16, 2017 from 12:00pm – 1:40pm**

### **Attendees:**

Len Waggoner, Brian Rosenthal, Brady Preheim, Phil Griffin, George Hafeman, Libby Calnon, Christine Prockish, Larry Ericksen, Alex Tardif (by conference call), Mayor Scott Burge, RARE Participant Garrett Peterson, City Manager Michael Sykes, Assistant to City Manager Alexandra Rains

### **Absent:**

Natalie Sanders, Chuck Daughtry, Gregg Meyer, Carmen Kulp

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

- The meeting was called to order at 12:05 by Committee Chair Len Waggoner

#### **2. No Introductions**

#### **3. Approved Meeting Minutes from the September 21<sup>st</sup> session**

#### **4. No Citizen Communications**

#### **5. New Business:**

- Columbia County update  
Alex Tardif delivered the County update and covered their involvement in supporting OMIC, the potential of establishing a partnership between the County and City to develop Chapman Landing and the allocation of transportation dollars to benefit roads in Scappoose (bring them up to City standards). Specifically, the County will receive \$1.6 million annually, the City will receive \$150,000 annually, CC Rider will receive \$538,000 annually and the OMIC access road will receive a one-time allocation of \$4 million.
- Update for the Port of St. Helens  
Larry Ericksen did not have anything to add from Paula Miranda's update on September 21<sup>st</sup>. He did mention that the Port Commission has directed staff to hire for a PR/Communications position. They will oversee PR, develop a communications plan,



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schedule outreach, meetings, administer social media and more. Doug Hayes, the new Executive Director, is doing a great job.

- Update for the City of Scappoose  
Michael Sykes reported on the progress of the E. Airport Subdivision, the OMIC Annexation and development of Charles T. Parker Way Road. He provided an update on the progress of the West Lane Road Project, which started on September 11, the City's drilling of a new well, and the City's ongoing Master Plan updates, particularly the need for \$20.5 million dollars in upgrades to the Wastewater System.
- No update for PCC, however, it was briefly discussed that there may be less urgency on the part of PCC to open up a campus in Scappoose now that their high school program has been established. The Committee requested that representatives from PCC attend a meeting in the near future for an update, Alex Rains will contact Chris Holden and Mohammed Maraee.
- Did not cover OMIC annexation and East Airport Subdivision (aside from some information provided by Michael Sykes in the City update)
- Chapman Landing Update – none.
- Columbia County Enterprise Zone – expires July 1, 2018.
- Report from Community Events Sub-Committee  
Christine delivered a brief overview of the Sub-Committee's preliminary ideas, such as music in the park (they are waiting on a proposal from Bart Hafeman) and increasing membership of and working with the Community Club to strengthen their existing organization and networks. Offering EDC funds to the Community Club was raised as a possible method to assist the Community Club. The Sub-Committee plans to attend the Community Club's next meeting on January 9, 2018, 6:30 pm at the Scappoose Creek Side Inn. Brady Preheim floated the idea of planning a mushroom festival of sorts.
- Mayor Scott Burge provided a brief overview of the Tourism program he is working to develop with CCET's Director, Chuck Daughtry and the South Columbia County Chamber of Commerce.

## **6. Next Meetings**



- December 14<sup>th</sup> 2017, pending confirmation that Michael Sykes and Alexandra Rains are available
- January 11, 2018
- February 15, 2018

**7. Meeting Adjourned at 1:40 pm**