

Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes

Varsity Grill – End of Year Committee Lunch

December 14, 2017 from 12:00pm – 1:30pm

Attendees:

Len Waggoner, Brian Rosenthal, Brady Preheim, Phil Griffin, George Hafeman, Christine Prockish, Carmen Kulp, Gregg Meyer, Paula Miranda, Larry Ericksen, Alex Tardif, Mayor Scott Burge, City Planner Laurie Oliver, City Manager Michael Sykes, Assistant to City Manager Alexandra Rains

Absent:

Natalie Sanders, Chuck Daughtry, Libby Calnon

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. New Business:

- Update for PCC
 - Chris Holden provided a quick update on PCC's program at Scappoose High School, which currently has 100 students, and that he is working to develop machining, welding fabrication and megatronics apprenticeships. The apprenticeships would be competency based and modeled after the Center for Advanced Learning (CAL) in Gresham.
- Update for Columbia County Alex Tardif noted that the County was progressing through its budget process and encountering large budget gap issues. He mentioned that the County is still considering its options in regards to Chapman Landing and that the County recently completed a rezone of property located at Port Westward.
- Update for Port of St. Helens
 Both Larry Ericksen and Paula Miranda provided information pertaining to the Port's ongoing activities. They provided information on the upcoming taxi-way project, they noted that they anticipated appeals to the rezone at Port Westward, they are working



with Ed Freeman on easements for water & sewer lines on properties west of the airport, working on a 27,000 square foot building with a business relocating from Hillsboro and other economic development related activity.

- Update for the City of Scappoose
 Michael Sykes reported on the progress of the Charles T. Parker Way Road Project and
 Scott Parker's partitioning of property to facilitate the sale of 6 acres to OSG.
 Additionally, Premier Jets is preparing to begin building at their new site in Scappoose,
 following SDR in January or February of 2018. The City's DLCD Technical Assistance
 Grant of \$22,480 was approved and the City is moving forward with the Urban Renewal
 Feasibility Study.
- There was a brief discussion of organizing fundraising efforts for the pavilion at Seely Lane Park.
- It was mentioned by Michael Sykes that the Committee would be goal setting in January and that the Boards and Commissions Dinner was scheduled for February 1, 2018.
- Jason Weiss joined the meeting to discuss mushroom festivals, he provided the example
 of a mushroom festival held in Estacada and mentioned that there were people in the
 Scappoose area expressing interest in mushroom festivals online.
- The Committee revisited the idea of hosting "Music in the Park" events over the summer and attempting to increase the membership of the Community Club as a method to help organize the events. The Committee also mentioned the possibility of coupling this with the farmers market and agreed this was worth pursuing in the future.
- Alex Tardif made a brief announcement regarding the Emerging Leaders Program he is helping to launch. It focuses on trying to involve young people in the community.

3. Next Meetings

- January 11, 2018
- February 15, 2018

4. Meeting Adjourned at 1:30 pm