

Burien Business and Economic Development Partnership
(BEDP)

Friday, February 10, 2017
7:30 – 9:00 am
Burien City Hall
400 SW 152nd Street, 3rd Floor
Miller Creek Conference Room

Present: Dan Mathews, Vice Chair, Judy Coovert, Pier David, Denise Ferguson, Suzanne Greive, Rodolfo Hernandez McIntyre, Robbie Howell, Daniel Poiree, and Nancy Scholl.

Absent Excused: Dean Anderson, Jay Hasbrouck, Jr., and Matthew Wendland, Chair.

Staff: Carol Allread, Chris Craig, Laura Crandall, and Tony Piasecki.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Judy Coovert to approve minutes as written. Second by Suzanne Greive, motion carried to approve the January 27 minutes.

Public Comment:

No public comment.

Downtown Mobility Study Update and Discussion – Wayfinding and Parking:

At the direction of Council, the findings by the Downtown Mobility Study consultant were referred to the Planning Commission for study and recommendations on possible Zoning Code amendments. The Community Development Director will present these recommendations to Council at the Monday, February 13 meeting.

KPG Interdisciplinary Design, the consultant selected for the downtown wayfinding project, will create a unified signage system to enhance navigation and increase visibility of businesses and attractions in the downtown area. The next Burien Magazine will feature an article on this exciting project.

Nuisance Behavior Update:

Council and the City Manager have received many phone calls and letters from business owners and residents concerned about the activities of the homeless population in the downtown core. Council will discuss problems and possible solutions related to these issues at its March 20 meeting.

Burien Police are provide extra patrol in high traffic areas (the Library and the alley behind 152nd St. SW) to deter illegal activity, and several business owners have signed the Trespass Authorization Letter for businesses, authorizing police to enforce action against non-customers who are engaging in illegal activity on their property.

Two new officers will join the department soon as part of the Special Emphasis Team (SET). They will regularly patrol in affected areas to provide referrals for services when possible, and discourage problem behaviors.

Sound Transit Light Rail Discussion:

Chris Craig, Economic Development Specialist, provides an update on the status of Sound Transit 3 (ST3). A representative from Sound Transit will present more detailed information at a future BEDP meeting; staff will invite a Port of Seattle Planner to join this conversation.

BEDP Annual Report Review and Potential Approval

Daniel Poiree moves to approve the 2016 BEDP Annual Report as presented. Seconded by Nancy Scholl; motion carried to approve the report. Matthew Wendland, Chair, will present the report to Council at its February 27 meeting.

Discover Burien Update:

- The ribbon cutting ceremony for the Medzo Gelato Bar and Travel Café is today, Friday, February 10, at noon.
- An offer has been extended to a candidate for the open executive director position.
- The Discover Burien Annual Awards Dinner is Friday, March 10, 6-10:00 pm, at the Burien Community Center. Tickets are available by contacting the Discover Burien office.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 am.