

Burien Business and Economic Development Partnership
(BEDP)
Study Session
Friday, March 24, 2017
7:30 – 9:00 am
Burien City Hall
400 SW 152nd Street, 3rd Floor
Miller Creek Conference Room

Present: Matthew Wendland, Chair, Dan Mathews, Vice Chair, Dean Anderson, Judy Covert, Pier David, Joshua Halpin, Jay Hasbrouck, Jr., Robbie Howell, Rodolfo Hernandez McIntyre, Daniel Poiree, Michael Prato, and Nancy Scholl.

Absent Excused: Suzanne Greive.

Absent Unexcused: Denise Ferguson.

Staff: Carol Allread, Chris Craig, Tony Piasecki and Andrea Snyder.

Guests: Garry Crane, Robyn Desimone, and Deputy Mayor Nancy Tosta.

BEDP Member Recognition:

The terms are set to expire on March 31 for Dan Mathews, Vice Chair, and Judy Covert, and both are exiting the BEDP. Matthew Wendland, Chair, recognizes them for their commitment of time of service to the Partnership.

Appointment of New BEDP Chair and Vice-Chair:

With the term of service for the Chair and Vice Chair set to expire March 31, current Chair Matthew Wendland nominates Jay Hasbrouck, Jr., as Chair, Judy Covert seconds the nomination. Jay accepts the nomination and it passes unanimously. Matthew Wendland also nominates Nancy Scholl as the Vice Chair, and Jay Hasbrouck, Jr., seconds the nomination. Nancy accepts the nomination for Vice Chair and it passes unanimously.

Introduction and Welcome to Andrea Snyder:

Tony Piasecki, Interim City Manager, introduces Andrea Snyder, the City's new Economic Development Manager. She joined the City on March 20. Andrea shares her education, experience, and work history with the group.

Airport Related Business Attraction – Jay Hasbrouck:

Jay is coordinating with the Port of Seattle to identify the types of business travelers that utilize the airport. This information will help develop a contact list of businesses in the Puget Sound area that would benefit from doing business in Burien (in close proximity to the airport). Next steps are to assess and document a list of resources and advantages Burien has to offer, and prepare an initiative to present to Council at a later date.

Downtown Wayfinding Design Update and Discussion:

Economic Development Specialist Chris Craig provides a status update. An open house was held Thursday evening, March 16, at Merrill Gardens at Burien to seek input for the Downtown Wayfinding System design. A second open house will be held during the day and staff will perform outreach when the date has been confirmed. An on-line survey will also be used to collect feedback.

BEDP members provided feedback on the list of destinations to direct people to in the downtown, and on the design aesthetic of the signs.

Staff will provide Council with a mid-way point check-in on the Wayfinding System Facility Design at the April 17 Council Meeting.

City of Burien Update-Upcoming Council Agendas – Tony Piasecki:

The recruiting firm for the City Manager search will meet with Council in Executive Session on March 27 to review 10 candidates and narrow the selection to between four and five for interviews on April 7-8. On March 27, Council will hold the first of two sessions for the 2017 Council Retreat, where they will receive an update on the Strategic Plan. The second session is scheduled for April 10.

At the March 20 Council Meeting, a discussion was held regarding potential solutions to the homeless issue and the possibility of establishing a day center. A panel of Human Services specialists was on hand to contribute to the conversation. Another session on this topic may be scheduled in May.

Chief Kimerer will present his annual report at the April 24 Study Session, where Public Safety will also be discussed.

Discover Burien Update:

- The executive director recruitment is ongoing.
- The Farmers Market begins Thursday, May 4, and will run through October 26.
- The Annual Awards Dinner and Silent Auction held Friday, March 10, was a big success, raising funds for the organization, and presenting awards for the “Best of Burien” categories. A scholarship was awarded to a Highline High School student.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 am.