

Burien Business and Economic Development Partnership
(BEDP)
Study Session
Friday, July 22, 2016
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 Coovert, Pier David, Denise Ferguson, Robbie Howell, Rodolfo Hernandez McIntyre, Jay Hasbrouck, Jr., Daniel Poiree, Paul Smith, and Nancy Scholl.

Excused/Absent: Suzanne Greive.

Staff: Carol Allread, Laura Crandall, Kamuron Gurol, and Dan Trimble.

Guest: Councilmember Nancy Tosta

Strategic Plan:

Burien City Manager Kamuron Gurol explains how the Strategic Plan was developed, how it will be implemented, and how it aligns goals and priorities to ensure that core services are delivered and the needs of the community are met. Much of the work of the City will continue as usual, with the Strategic Plan focusing on areas of emphasis for the time period of 2017-2020.

Other:

During the discussion on the Strategic Plan, some BEDP members also asked questions about the city budget process and the use of B&O taxes collected by the city for city expenses. The city manager responded to the questions and provided information on how those revenues are used. Starting in 2015, the B&O tax rate increased (to half the level authorized by state law) and the threshold for collection also increased so some smaller businesses now pay no tax compared to 2014. Also, the Council adopted a policy to govern the use of the additional B&O revenues that requires that no more than 50% of total revenues be used for expanded economic development purposes. The staff follow this policy in preparing and administering the city budget. Staff also provided an update on the branding effort and other economic development priorities work program items.

Discover Burien Report:

Discover Burien staff member Denise Ferguson provides an update.

- Carnival Days will be held in Puget Sound Park July 21-24.
- Boiling Point Fundraiser benefitting Discover Burien is August 13 at Seahurst Park and features a fresh seafood boil prepared on the beach along with wine, music, and a silent auction.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 am.