

Burien Business and Economic Development Partnership

Date: May 14, 2010

Time: 7:00-9:00 am

Members Present: Judy Covert, Dave Elliott, Bob Ewing, Geri Fain, Kevin Fitz, Jim Hughes, Renee Klein, Alice Madsen, Mark Minium, Doug Moreland, Carmen Moore

Excused Absentees: Nancy Hinthorne, Jane Voget

Absent: Michael Goldsmith

Call to Order: Meeting opened at 7:00 a.m. by Judy Covert, Chair.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the April 9th meeting were approved as written.

Staff: Mike Martin, City Manager; Dick Loman, Economic Development Manager; Janet Stallman, Department Assistant, City Manager's Office

Guests: Mayor Joan McGilton; Steve Gilbert, Executive Director, Discover Burien, Marco Milanese, Port of Seattle

Chair's Report

- Judy announced that Renee Klein has accepted a position with the American Lung Association and that this will be her last BEDP meeting.
- Judy reported that federal healthcare reform will affect all small business owners. The healthcare reform package includes language that requires small businesses to provide 1099 forms to their vendors. Efforts are underway to have this language removed. Judy gave an economic report for the State based on Dr. Arun Raha's presentation to the Association of Washington Business (AWB). According to Dr. Raha, Washington will recover faster from the recession and will outperform the rest of the Country. One reason is because the vast majority of Washington's exports go to Asia, not Europe.
- Judy spoke briefly about citizen initiatives 1053 and 1083 and what AWB's positions are on these initiatives.

City Manager Report

- We officially opened our City Hall North building on 118th and Des Moines Memorial Way.
- Wizards Casino has reopened and paid 1st quarter taxes to the City.
- We hired a new City Attorney, Craig Knutson.
- We will not be doing our city visioning this summer, as I had hoped. The Shoreline Master Plan is dominating staff time. Visioning will probably not happen for 9 to 12 months.
- King County is no longer pursuing an EIS for a jail.
- Animal Control –Burien will be looking for alternative ways to provide animal control.
- The closure of the South Park Bridge is illuminating regarding how the south county is viewed.
- We are getting serious about researching a special type of junior district modeled after regional fire authorities. Would like to create an agency for a public safety authority.

Economic Manager Report

We have had several leasing transactions:

- We have a new Public Works operations center on Des Moines Memorial Drive adjacent to the school district's facility down there. We have hired six people and have some new vehicles for which to provide storage. We're going to save around \$250,000 / year by bringing this service in-house. We have a five-year lease with options for additional space. \$10.75/foot gross lease.

- North City Hall satellite office. This transaction required the drawing up of a new lease. We're going to have a lease with Valley View Sewer District, and then the Sheriff's Office will sublet from us.
- We have 30 parking spaces across the street from City Hall that we rent. We are allowing the Library to take half of the spaces, and they will pay half the lease cost.
- There are an endless number of housekeeping details for getting the Transit Oriented Development on stream. It should be going in September. Dick has a meeting with Urban Partners on Wednesday afternoon. They will provide an update on the condos and talk about a possible theater deal.

Discover Burien Report—Steve Gilbert

- We had a successful clean sweep program this year.
- The Farmers Market is underway.
- This coming Wednesday we're hosting an educational seminar on credit card rules and regulations with regard to privacy. That is 9:30 Wednesday morning at the Mark Restaurant.
- May 26th is a business networking event hosted at Wells Fargo.
- Four new board members have joined Discover Burien.

Proposed Changes to Business License Ordinance

Dick mentioned that this is mainly a housekeeping effort. He reviewed the suggested changes with BEDP members. Bob Ewing had a couple of items he has concerns about. Dick will find out more information and make sure definitions are clear on what is considered a "government" entity and "political subdivision." Dick will have the City Attorney look at the language around being able to enter premises.

Annexation Subcommittee

Doug gave an overview of the Subcommittee meeting of May 11, 2010 (Report attached). Janet will attach report to Minutes of this meeting. Mike Martin informs BEDP members that annexation is not on his work plan and he doesn't plan to spend any time on it right now. He suggested that BEDP write a letter to Council and attach the subcommittee report. He believes Council should see BEDP's work.

Round the Table

Renee Klein – Chamber Luncheon – Annual Mayor's Luncheon today – all invited.

Geri Fain – Thanks to Alice for presentation to School Board on Wellness Cluster. Nice job.

Mark – Never give enough pats on the back to City Council for the good work they do.

Bob – What is the work we have in front of us this year? Let's identify it and get it on the agenda.

Jim – Thanked Mayor McGilton for her patience.

Judy – Soroptomists Poker Tournament at Karuna Arts Yoga Studio tomorrow.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00.