

## Burien Business and Economic Development Partnership

**Date:** August 13, 2010

**Time:** 7:00-9:00 am

**Members Present:** Judy Coovert, Dave Elliott, Bob Ewing, Geri Fain, Kevin Fitz, Michael Goldsmith, Nancy Hinthorne, Jim Hughes, Mark Minium, Doug Moreland, Carmen Moore

**Excused Absentees:** Alice Madsen, Jane Voget

Absent:

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

**Guests:** Anne Stadler, Producer, “How Burien Came into its Own”; Mayor Joan McGilton; Councilmember Kathy Keene; Steve Gilbert, Executive Director, Port of Seattle; Katie Salinas & Will Ibershoff, Waste Management; Sherrill Miller, EB Foote Winery, Brian Gemeroy, local businessman.

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

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Minutes from the July 9th, 2010 meeting were approved as written.

### **Chair’s Report**

Judy Coovert gave recognition to Alice Madsen and Highline Community College as a whole for the way the college is handling the current economic stress. They refuse to turn students away even though they are overenrolled. This has caught the attention of a state representative and a candidate for state representative.

### **Guest Speaker: Anne Stadler**

BEDP viewed movie, “How Burien Came into its Own” and then Anne Stadler led a discussion. Anne gave kudos to Burien for the huge commitment they have shown in following through on their vision. She is very impressed with how Burien has been able to continue to move forward through the challenge of the economic decline. Anne asked the group how they think Burien has been able to do so. Members cited the 152<sup>nd</sup> Street revitalization and how people had to work together and work hard to make that project happen and be successful. The model of a three-legged stool with community, government and business all working together was mentioned as a successful way of collaborating. Anne was complimentary that the community does not become fractured by controversy, but that we’re able to work through it. She also noted the “shared responsibility” that the three-legged stool represents, and said that this is a very positive model. Citizen input was noted as being very important.

Bob Ewing brought up that in the Economic Element of the Comprehensive Plan, BEDP had suggested that Burien become a “transformational city” and that the term “transitional city” was somewhat different. He suggested we discuss the terms and make sure we use the one that makes the most sense for the community.

### **Katie Salinas & Will Ibershoff – Waste Management**

Katie Salinas & Will Ibershoff of Waste Management gave a brief presentation about their commercial recycling incentive program, the “Clean Cart Challenge.” Businesses can earn gift cards for doing a good job of putting clean recyclables into their receptacles. WM interns are checking the cleanliness and appropriateness of recyclables in commercial recycling bins. Sal’s Deli earned a gift card for doing a good job. They have had great success with this program.

### **Annexation/Sustainability Subcommittee**

The group will meet again on Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 7 am at Sal’s Deli.

At their July 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, members discussed how to make sure we are taking advantage of what assets are already in Burien to the fullest.

Michael Goldsmith mentioned that his friend who is working on a Sustainability “scorecard” for cities is still about 18 months from rolling it out. Michael is trying to see whether he might get some advance information regarding this.

### **Marketing Subcommittee**

Judy reported that the subcommittee did not meet.

### **City Manager Report**

Mike reported that the budget will be completed on time at the end of November. There will be no surprises and no fundamental changes in service. The second phase of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue S. and the asphalt overlay program will be starting soon. We had a good report from Moody’s for our bond rating. We did not get a Public Works Trust Fund grant that would have provided a retention pond and path in the NERA. Our staff selected its first ever “Innovative Steward Award” winner, our animal control program.

### **Economic Manager Report**

An article is appearing in today’s Seattle Times about the FDIC filing a Notice of Trustee Sale on the condos. This is just part of the process, and is not new information.

### **Discover Burien Report—Steve Gilbert**

The Farmers Market is doing very well. It rained at the classic car show, but people still came out. We are working on the Fall Art Walk and Arts Aglow with the City’s Parks Dept. They are working with the Latino Market to see whether they might have a tent in conjunction with Oktoberfest. The next educational series event will be on August 25<sup>th</sup> at Pacific Northwest Realty.

### **Round the Table**

Meeting adjourned at 9:00.