

Burien Business and Economic Development Partnership

Date: February 11, 2011

Time: 7:00-8:30 am

Members Present: Judy Coover, Dave Elliott, Bob Ewing, Geri Fain, Kevin Fitz, Michael Goldsmith, Nancy Hinthorne, Jim Hughes, Alice Madsen, Sherrill Miller, Mark Minium, Doug Moreland

Excused Absentees:, Carmen Moore, Jane Voget

Absent:

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

Guests: Steve Gilbert, Executive Director of Discover Burien; Diane Summerhays, Port of Seattle; Shelli Parks, Resident; Luis Navarro, Port of Seattle

Presentation

Luis Navarro, Director, Office of Social Responsibility, Port of Seattle, gave a presentation about both the Office of Social Responsibility and about small business opportunities with the Port of Seattle. The Port is adopting a new program for small contractors and suppliers to be able to apply through their website and or King County's website and they will be registered to bid for jobs with either agency. They are also trying to make it more competitive for small businesses to compete against larger businesses by dividing up the size of contracts for bidding. They have redefined who a small business is; they no longer use the Small Business Administration's definition.

Luis sees that there will be a lot of opportunity for small and medium businesses to export products to Asia. He believes the Port can help make some of those connections possible. The Port helps to fund the Small Business Development Center through Highline Community College, and also supports the "PTAC" program, which is designed to help smaller businesses understand the procurement process.

Luis also described the Port's Military training program whereby veterans are hired for Fellowships and helped with job interviewing and resume-writing skills. This has been a very successful program.

Minutes

Minutes from January 14 and January 28, 2011 were approved as written.

Chair's Report – Judy Coover, Chair

Judy used her time to find out whether the large group could meet later on February 25th in order to get to hear from Elizabeth Best. It was agreed to meet at 10:00 a.m. at Sal's Deli on the 25th.

She also mentioned that she would be giving the Annual Report to the City Council at their February 28th meeting. Judy provided a rough draft of the report to members and asked for feedback through email.

Subcommittee Reports

No subcommittee reports at this time.

City Manager Report – Mike Martin

Mike mentioned the Transit Oriented Development (garage) going up; he highlighted the storm drain work that is being done prior to the overlay project. He mentioned that Dick and he were attending a meeting with the Department of Ecology today to discuss the possible auto mall project in NERA. First Avenue South – Phase 2 will be from 148th St. to 140th St. and will be complex with lots of underground utilities. The visioning project has kicked off and is going well. The first meeting of the Steering Committee has taken place. Also, Berk & Associates is working on a municipal police study for Burien. Participants from King County, the KC Sheriff's Office and others, are part of the process to make sure lots of different eyes are on the study to make sure we don't miss anything. This will lead to a recommendation one way or another regarding a municipal police force. Mike is pleased that the community passed the school levy.

Economic Development Manager Report – Dick Loman

Dick mentioned some of the highlights of his work plan for 2011, which includes: looking for opportunities to make a difference in schools, a new business attraction program in partnership with Discover Burien, and NERA and the 518 Interchange. Dick was asked whether the theater deal is still a possibility. He suggested that it is very doubtful at this time. Doug wondered about looking at the library-sighting in North highline as to what economic impact it may have.

Discover Burien Report – Steve Gilbert

Steve passed out a sheet giving the activities of Discover Burien for the next two months. He also mentioned that DB now has 175 members, 768 Facebook Friends and is doing very well.

Round the Table

Lots of thank-you and well wishes for Steve Gilbert, who will be leaving Discover Burien at the end of February.

A suggestion of a "hospitality school" was made as one way to get a hotel into Burien.

Geri Fain -- Thanks for supporting the school Levy.

Michael G. – Visioning seems to have a great group of folks and a vitality around it; Michael appreciated the "what it means to me" campaign for the school levy.