

Burien Business and Economic Development Partnership
Study Session

Date: June 24, 2011

Time: 7:00am to 8:30am

Members Present: Ryan Adams, David Elliott, Bob Ewing, Kevin Fitz, Suzanne Greive, James Hughes, Carmen Moore, Mark Minium, Paul Smith, Lindsay White

Excused Absentees: Judy Coover, Alice Madsen, Lynn Wallace, Bryan Suter

Staff Attendees: None

Guests: None

A discussion regarding the City Council meeting in regards to comments around the current discussion on the Annexation of North Highline area Y. Financial feasibility study is due back in late July/early August. The BEDP will request copies for review and recommendation for the City Council. Topics that the Partnership would like to pursue:

- What is the decision criteria for Annexation of Area Y
- The concern of “dueling downtowns”
- Being a “contract city” vs. a “service city”
- How does the current vision dovetail into Area Y
- Address King County Housing Authority taxation issues and unfunded mandates
- Review most recent public safety study for Burien and Area Y

The discussion of annexation brings to light the perceptions of how Burien is perceived along with White Center in its ability to attract new residents, business owners and future civic leaders. Ryan expressed comments heard by his peers that come to Burien to visit that it's not what they thought but they wouldn't live here because of the perception.

A discussion regarding the retirement of Dick Loman, Economic Development Manager for the city on October 1st. Understanding the job description and qualifications for the position.

A brief discussion on what does the business community need to be supported by local government. In general a city wide marketing campaign to improve the image and branding of the City. This is a discussion to have jointly with Discover Burien leadership.

Next meeting is Friday, July 8th at 7am Burien City Hall