

Business & Economic Development Partnership
March 9, 2012
7:00 – 8:30 a.m.

Burien City Hall
400 SW 152nd Street, 3rd Floor
Miller Creek Conference Room

Minutes

Present: Judy Covert, Suzanne Greive, Mark Minium, Lynn Wallace, Lindsay White, Bob Ewing, David Elliot, Rick Onoyshko, Ryan Adams and Paul Smith

Excused absences: Carmen Goers, James Hughes, Kevin Fitz

Guests: Rose Clark, Joey Martinez, Jennifer Clark, Matt Wendland, Marco Milanese

Staff: Dan Trimble, Economic Development Manager; Nhan Nguyen, Management Analyst

Approval of Minutes

Judy Covert opened the meeting. Minutes for February 10, 2012 were approved as written.

Presentation: Jennifer Clark, Regional Advocate for Region X, SBA Office of Advocacy

Jennifer Clark presented on behalf of U.S. SBA Assistant Associate Administrator Calvin Goings who was out of town. She talked about the structure of the U.S. Small Business Administration that houses the Office of the National Ombudsman and the Office of Advocacy. She mentioned a host of programs that help businesses: SBA-backed loans, Impact Investment Fund, Small Business Tax Credit and SBIC programs. Jennifer offered to have an SBA loan expert to talk to the Partnership or any group of interested businesses in the City.

Chair's Report

Judy Covert mentioned she had good meetings with Councilmember Jerry Robison and Deputy Mayor Rose Clark. She reported that money for annexation is still in the State's budget proposal at the moment.

City Manager's Report

Nhan Nguyen read a report on behalf of Mike Martin who was out of the office. He announced and congratulated Rick Onoyshko on his appointment by the Burien City Council to the Partnership. He reported that the City is looking for ways to fund the Kids/Cops Initiative.

Economic Development Manager's Report:

Dan Trimble reported that the NERA project is moving forward with Public Works pursuing money from the State's budget for stormwater management on the property. Regarding the Auto Center Project, he said that negotiations are on-going between the Port and local auto dealers for the former Lora Lake site south of SR-518, and plan calls for additional auto dealers and compatible retail in the area just north of SR-518. Dan mentioned off-ramps on the west side of Des Moines Memorial Road to SR-518 are needed to make the area commercially viable. Dan gave an update on activity at Town Square.

Discover Burien's Report:

Lynn Wallace reported that the Discover Burien's annual dinner/auction was a success and netted about \$10,000.

Round the Table

Lynn reported that the SW King County Chamber of Commerce is working with Highline Community College and StartZone on Buy-Local campaign. Lindsay mentioned that the Cove2Clover event is March 9-11.

Next Meeting: Friday, March 23, 2012 - 7 AM, City Hall