

Business & Economic Development Partnership
December 14, 2012
7:00 – 8:30 a.m.

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

Minutes

Present: Carmen M. Goers, Bryan Suter, Lynn Wallace, Bob Ewing, Mark Minium, Rick Onyshko, Paul Smith.

Excused absence: James Hughes, Judy Coovert, Kevin Fitz, Lindsay White, Suzanne Greive.

Unexcused absence: Dave Elliot.

Guest: John White, Brian Gemeroy, Marco Milanese, Joey Martinez, Katie Salinas.

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

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for November 9 meeting was approved.

Chair's Report

Chairwoman Carmen Goers asked out-going members to reach out to their personal contacts and encourage them to apply to become a BEDP member. Deadline for application is January 18, 2013.

City Report & Town Square

Dan Trimble went through the proposal for Town Square's remaining undeveloped parcels. Dan said the plan called for 164 apartment units with dedicated parking spaces and community and art spaces. Dan asked if BEDP would like to discuss and vote to support developing apartments in the Town Square now or wait for other alternatives. Answering Bob Ewing's question, Dan said the targeted market is young professional and couples who commute to work to Seattle, Tacoma and other employment centers. Answering Mark Minium's question, Dan said the vacancy rate is approximately 5-6%. After further discussion, Carmen called for a vote. The votes were four approvals, one opposition and two abstains.

Discussion of 2013 priorities and goals (continued)

Rick Onyshko led the group through the Six Thinking Hats exercise to solicit thoughtful ideas on priorities for 2013 that the Partnership has developed in the earlier meetings. The next step, Rick said, would be for him to type up the comments and send them out to the group. He suggested that BEDP members would talk to each Councilmember and fill them in on these priorities before the January 12 Council Retreat. BEDP members, then, would report back to the group their conversations with Councilmembers. BEDP members agreed to the suggestions.

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There was no report.

Next Meeting: Friday, January 11, 2013 - 7 AM, City Hall