

**Burien Business and Economic Development Partnership
(BEDP)**

Friday, September 26, 2008
7:00–8:30 a.m.

**Burien Interim City Hall, Shared Conference Room
15811 Ambaum Blvd. SW**

Members Present: Rick Cosgrave, Nancy Damon, David Elliott, Bob Ewing, Geri Fain, Kevin Fitz, Michael Goldsmith, Jim Hughes, Alice Madsen, Mark Minium, Doug Moreland, Jane Voget

Excused Absentees: Harvey Aulgur, Karen Lautermilch

Staff: Mike Martin, City Manager; Janet Stallman, Department Assistant

Guests: Susan Robinson, Waste Management; Mayor Joan McGilton; Councilmember Kathy Keene; Patty Sader, Executive Director, Discover Burien; Stuart Low, Burien business owner

Call to Order: Meeting opened at 7:00 a.m. by Michael Goldsmith, Chair

Minutes from August 22, 2008 were approved as written.

Chair's Report–Michael Goldsmith

Michael Goldsmith mentioned the passing of Rich Higginbotham of E.B. Foote Winery. He said there had been a very nice memorial service for him last Sunday. Michael encouraged support of Sherrill Miller and the business.

City Manager Report–Mike Martin

Mike Martin reported that the focus for the past few weeks has been on the budget. This is different because it is the first biennial budget that the City has done. It is very progressive, and will free up a lot of time for the Finance Department to work on other things next year. Burien will not be drawing down any money from the general fund in this two-year cycle. This is different than many other cities' budgets. Burien is doing much better than many cities at this time. Hiring freezes and layoffs are occurring at many other city and county offices. We have a new Finance Director, Tabatha Miller, who Mike will bring to introduce to this group at some point.

Burien has begun meeting with our legislators to let them know our priorities. Legislators seem to have a bit more time for us because we're getting to them earlier this year. Our priorities include interest in finishing the diamond interchange at Des Moines Memorial Drive and Hwy. 518, as well as moving ahead with the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) project. We would benefit greatly from structured parking garage funding for the TOD if Sound Transit Proposition #1 passes.

We recently completed the second Community Survey Assessment. Mike will bring the results of that survey to the BEDP soon. The \$250,000 for new teacher rent assistance in the Highline School District was presented to Superintendent John Welch recently at a Council meeting. House Speaker Frank Chopp, Rep. Dave Upthegrove, and staff from Rep. Sharon Nelson's office were in attendance.

The first test landing on SeaTac's third runway occurred yesterday. On Wednesday, Mike Martin & Kathy Keene attended a tour of the third runway in conjunction with the Highline Forum meeting. The runway will become operational in late November.

Q. Why is Burien doing better than other cities with their budget? **A.** Partly because we're stingy; partly because we are a contract city. If we need to, we can cut back our contracts and live with the consequences. This is not to say that things can't change. BBC Dodge went out of business recently. If more major businesses close, this could severely impact our budget.

Discover Burien Report–Patty Sader

Patty mentioned that October 4th is "Girls' Night Out" in Burien. There will be ballroom dancing during the day at Karuna Yoga Studio as part of this event.

October 25th will be "Boo in Burien." Along with the trick or treating and dog parade, there will be wiener dog races this year.

Wednesday evening's networking event was attended by about 60 people.

Our membership committee is setting aggressive goals for membership for next year, including recruiting new members and retaining existing members. We have a marketing committee that is looking at ways to market Burien, too.

Commercial Recycling Program

Susan Robinson gave a brief presentation on a proposed commercial recycling program for Burien. The whole point is to get businesses to be greener. Businesses should be recycling. The more we can offset the use of virgin resources, the better off we'll be. Susan gave several examples of existing businesses and how their garbage rates would be affected by the new program. In essence, businesses would now be billed on the same rate plan as multi-family housing units. This would mean basic garbage rates would increase by approximately 14%. Recycling would be included as part of the basic collection service. In theory, most businesses, if they recycle, could reduce the size of their garbage collection unit, thereby saving money. Businesses are not forced to recycle, but they have an economic incentive to recycle. New containers would be provided as part of this service. As part of this change, Burien's contract with Waste Management would be amended to reflect that rates would no longer be determined by the WTUC, but would be tied to the CPI index.

Q. Where does Burien's garbage go? **A.** King County Landfill in Maple Valley. **Q.** When will this landfill be at capacity? **A.** 2016 is the predicted year.

Mark Minium made a motion that BEDP support the plan to include commercial recycling as part of the contract with Waste Management. Nancy Damon seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Visioning Discussion

The subcommittee working on the Economic Development Element of the Burien Comprehensive Plan will be meeting at Elliott Bay Brewery & Pub at 7AM next Friday. Bob Ewing reviewed their idea of publishing the article provided to the group, in the form of a blog, as a way to get people to react, suggest, get ideas, and stir more discussion around what Burien's economic development might look like in the future. Much discussion around whether the article, as it currently exists, is the form that should be "put out there." It was suggested not to try to make it perfect, but in its imperfection, it would elicit more comments.

Housekeeping Issues

The next meeting (October 10) will be a "regular" meeting. Maureen Hoffman will come and discuss her idea of a Burien Aesthetic Master Plan. The October 26 meeting will be our monthly "study session." The consultants who have been doing the study on NERA would like to present their results thus far to the BEDP as stakeholders. This will be the full 90-minute session.

Round the Table

Doug Moreland – Discover Burien Board is doing follow-up work from their retreat. It is very positive for the organization.

Michael Goldsmith – October 4 will be Oktoberfest at Elliott Bay Brewery.

Mike Martin – visited Ruth Dykeman Center this week; learned a lot about the history.

Nancy Damon – The SWKC Chamber is doing a strategic plan for the next 5 years.

Geri Fain – HSD had a very successful open house at Shorewood Elementary. There is a change in the lending climate which could have a significant impact on capital projects and infrastructure development.

Next Meeting October 10, 2008, 7:00 a.m.–INTERIM CITY HALL