

**BURIEN BUSINESS AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP (BEDP)
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: March 13, 2009

Time: 7-8:30 a.m.

Members Present: Rick Cosgrave, Robert Ewing, Geri Fain, Michael Goldsmith, Jim Hughes, Mark Minium, Nancy Hinthorne, Alice Madsen, Mark Minium, Doug Moreland, Jane Voget, Judy Coovert

Excused Absentees: David Elliott, Kevin Fitz, Jane Voget

Staff: Dick Loman, Economic Development Manager

Guests: Mayor Joan McGilton; Patty Sader, Executive Director, Discover Burien; Debra George, Special Events Manager, Discover Burien; Janelle Stoneback, Co-owner, Emerald City Smoothie; Zev Siegl, Executive Director, Small Business Development Center (SBDC); Rich Shockley, Advisor, Small Business Development Center (SBDC).

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

Chair Report

Michael Goldsmith advised that he was still working out the relationship of the BEDP to the Arts Community as well as defining more specifically the Partnership's role in "sustainability." Approval of the Minutes from February 13 and February 27 were postponed until Janet could attend.

Update on SBDC 2008 Operations

Zev & Rich briefed the members on recent operations and activities. More than 250 local businesses were helped during 2008. On average 12-14 Burien small businesses are regularly mentored by the SBDC. Janelle Stoneback, Co-owner of Emerald City Smoothie described how helpful Zev has been to the growth of her business in Burien.

Final Review of Special Events Ordinance

Chris Bacha, City Attorney, reviewed the comments on the Ordinance made by the BEDP at its last meeting. The consensus around the table was that the members preferred that the Ordinance apply only to the downtown Commercial zone and not residential neighborhoods. Debra George asked clarification of "city sponsored" events.

Economic Manager's Report

Dick advised that the TOD gap closing funding of \$6 million was not forthcoming from the state's share of the Stimulus Package. Matching funds of \$3 million were directed to other projects outside of Burien. This comes as a surprise and big disappointment to Dick, Mike and Lisa, who had been working closely with King County on starting construction of the parking garage later this year. An attempt will be made to obtain funding from the \$30 million allocated to state transportation; A \$3 million grant application will be made by King County no later than April 1st to the Federal Transportation Agency. Recipients will be notified in July, so we are still alive.

Discover Burien Report

Patty Sader, Executive Director reminded everyone that the next “Meet Your Neighbors” networking event will take place at Evergreen Eye Center, 6-8 pm on March 25th. Plans are also moving forward for the Annual Burien Clean Sweep on April 25th.

Visioning for Economic Element of Comprehensive Plan

Bob Ewing reported that the sub-committee is continuing to meet and that they had received a number of good statements. The committee is still hoping to encourage additional responses in the weeks ahead.

Round the Table

Mark Minium reported that the Nissan dealership had lost its inventory financing and all its new cars had been removed from its lot. We learned later that the service department remains open and that management was hopeful that they could replace their floor planning with a local bank.

Next meeting: March 27, 2009, 7 AM, Interim City Hall